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Large-Scale Offensive For Nanking In Few Days

JAPANESE TROOPS TO SOUTH AND EAST

REFUSAL TO AGREE TO SAFETY ZONE PROPOSALS

Shanghai, 1.45 p.m., To-day.

Reliable foreign reports from Nanking state that the roll of battle, the rumbling of heavy guns to the south-east of Nanking, is plainly audible this morning confirming Japanese claims to have advanced to within twenty kilometres of the capital.

Development of the real battle for Nanking, however, is not anticipated for several days, as only the vanguards of the Japanese have passed beyond Kuyung, while the offensive will demand the massing of considerable bodies of men.

Foreign observers in Nanking state that the mountainous country around Nanking is full of troops, an estimate of an assembly of 300,000 men being on the conservative side. These are picked troops, high in morale, which have not yet seen any active service, and include the flower of Chiang Kai-shek's trained army.

Heavy artillery is mounted everywhere.

Japanese official sources meanwhile state that they are unable to recognise any Safety Zone in Nanking, stating that it would be practically impossible to distinguish as Nanking is first and foremost a military town to-day.

Americans are all evacuating on instructions from the Embassy.

CHINESE SUCCESSES

Japanese admit the fall of Kwangteh and Changhing and that the garrison at Wushing is being seriously harassed by troops attacking from Anhwei.

It appears that these troops arrived at the front, attacking from the flanks, too late to prevent the progress of the main Japanese forces through Hing on to Nanking, but they have compelled the withdrawal of the garrison at Kwangteh and Chang-

hing and are now in full control of the Hangchow-Nanking highway at this point, cutting off this line of communication for the Japanese.

CHINKIANG FIRST

Military headquarters, however, state that maintenance of the line of communication is no longer of any importance as the provision of supplies to the main body of troops which took this route in the general offensive against Nanking can be served in view of their rapid progress, via Nanking-Shanghai Railway.

These troops are reported to be 20 kilometres south of Nanking. Another column has reached a point about 22 miles to the east.

Military experts predict that the Japanese will attempt to reduce Chinkiang before staging a full-scale offensive against Nanking. — Our Own Correspondent.

CANTON BOMBED TO-DAY

Canton, To-day.

Several bombs were dropped north of Canton, possibly in the vicinity of the airfield, shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Anti-aircraft gunfire was heard in Shamoen.

Chinese sources declare they saw five planes flying over the city. — Reuter.

MASS RAID ON LANCHOW

Tokyo, 2 p.m., To-day.

Japanese naval aircraft carried out a mass raid on Lanchow to-day, with the aerodrome as their main objective.

According to Japanese reports, numerous planes from Russia have been arriving at Lanchow. — Our Own Correspondent.

LEVIATHAN FOR SALE

New York, To-day.

Sale for demolition of the American liner "Leviathan" once the world's largest vessel, to a British firm for about \$800,000, is announced by Mr. Basil Harris, Vice-President of United States Lines.

Mr. Harris says that a Japanese bid for the liner was rejected because "we did not think it even advisable to consider an offer from Japan." — Reuter.

TYPHOON NEAR MANILA

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone remains over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas, and continues to increase in intensity.

The depression appears to be stationary to the north east of Hokkaido, and the typhoon is situated about 100 miles south of Manila, moving W.N.W.

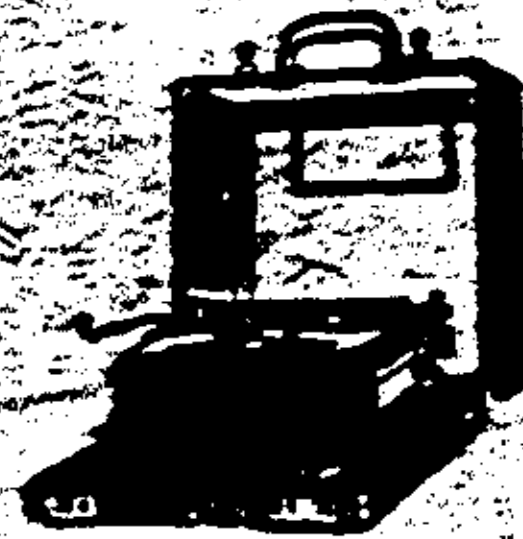
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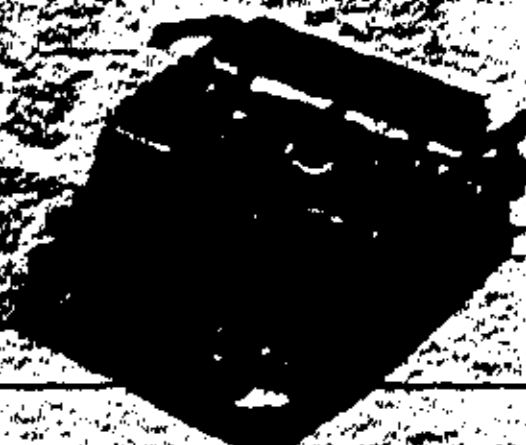
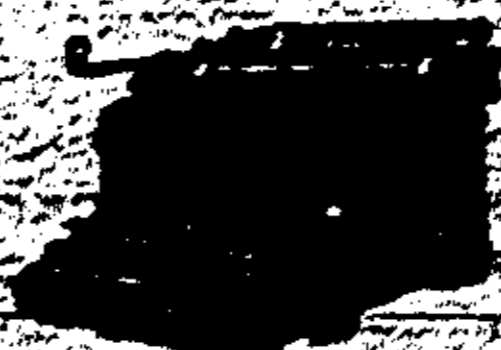
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She says . . .

The night before I married a friend said to me: "Marriage is no picnic. You will soon find that out."

Somehow those words have stuck in my mind.

I have thought of them over and over again when something has gone wrong.

And I have gained consolation from my quick answer: "It is just like anything else. What you make of it."

I gave up a good job with good prospects to become plain Mrs. Johnson, and I know I shall never regret it.

You see, now I have a new and better career, and I am determined to make a success of it.

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The first days after the honeymoon have been lonely ones. My husband's work keeps him away from early morning till late at night, and I know so few people in the London suburb where we settled down.

Sometimes I receive a telegram saying that he will not be home for a day or two, perhaps longer.

I have found myself comparing married life with the days when I was single.

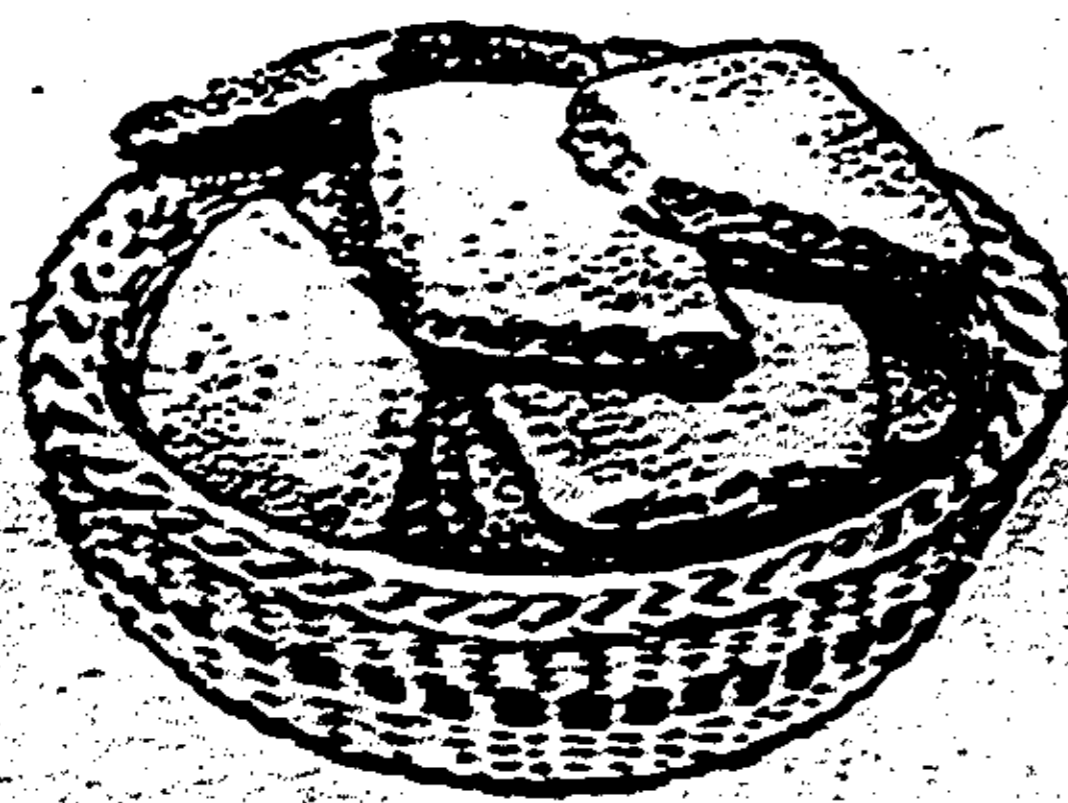
I had plenty of company then. If I was fed-up or lonely I could go out to dances and shows.

Now I have to stay home all day and evenings as well.

Then I look around and remember that I am in my own little home.

I look at the reminders of my wedding day and our glorious honeymoon.

Presents from our friends and relatives, souvenirs and pictures from the little Rhineland village where we spent such happy days. I think of my husband working hard for me. Soon I began to plan little surprises for him on his return.



GINGER COOKIES

Mix 1/3 cup fat with 2/3 cup molasses and 1 beaten egg. Sift 2 3/4 cups flour, 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon soda, and 2 teaspoons ginger together. Add to first mixture. Mix well and chill. Roll to 1/8 inch thickness, cut in desired shapes and bake in moderate oven about 15 minutes. Cool and frost if desired.

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It was one of these surprises that led to our first quarrel.

I decided to alter the style of my hair. I thought he would be pleased.

* * *

But when he came home the following day he just took one look at me and said: "What on earth have you done to your hair? It was perfect as it was. I don't like it a bit."

I lost my temper. We quarrelled.

Then I remembered what my friend had told me, remembered my quick answer.

I passed it on to my husband and we both laughed.

Our little quarrel was soon forgotten.

Now all our differences are settled by that phrase. We have made it our catchword.

I have no wish to be single again. My husband's love and companionship mean more to me than all the "freedom" in the world.

My happiest moments are when we are together for a whole evening, sitting by the fire, with Peter, our kitten, stretched out on the hearthrug in front of us.

I am so content then that I feel I could purr louder and better than Peter.

HOW IT STARTED

So many people are using Eau de Cologne nowadays, but very few among their number actually know anything about its origin and history at all.

Its first historical manufacturer is said to have been Johann Paul Feminis — born in Italy — who carried on a perfumery business in Cologne on Rhine round about 1695. His grateful home parish has honoured his memory by a magnificent painting to be seen in the parish church until the present day.

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Certainly the secret of the success of the House of "4711" and the world-wide reputation of "4711" Eau de Cologne is due to the fortunate composition of the "No. 4711 Original Recipe" deposited in the archives of the firm, but the rise of the firm to its present importance in the perfumery world can only be explained by commercial pluck, tradition, energy and an open mind for progress. The most up-to-date machinery, the finest raw materials and the skill of trained workers are a sure guarantee for the quality, not only of its Eau de Cologne, but just as well of all the other toiletries made by the firm of "4711".

He says . . .

The honeymoon is over. All the excitement of the wedding has gone. The confusion of the reception is but a memory.

And instead of seeing my wife radiant in her wedding gown, I see her in a simple cotton frock and gingham apron.

I see her not as the glamorous creature who joined me at the altar steps with a whispered "Beloved," but as a serious young person who waves a clock in my face in the morning and says, "Time you were up. Do you want to miss your train?"

I see her cooking my evening meal, no make up on, slippers taking the place of smart high-heeled shoes.

She seems a different person to the girl who glided across the dance-floor in my arms; raced my up a steep mountain-side; drank a fervent toast to our future and impulsively crashed the glass to the floor.

Now please don't run away with the idea that I am falling out of love with my wife already. Far from it.

Or that I am suggesting that she is becoming dowdy.

When she is dressed to go out she is the smartest girl in town—and the most attractive.

But I, like all other young husbands, am passing through the first stage of married life.

I call it adjusting myself! I still cannot get used to the idea of the girl who was my fiancée being my wife!

Being a husband, too, I have found means a whole load of responsibilities.

I have to watch my cigarette bill; walk sometimes, instead of jumping on to a bus.

But it is good for me.

* * *

As a bachelor I was selfish. I had a good time in a superficial way and spent a lot of money foolishly. If I saw a thing I liked, I just bought it.

Those days have gone. I have exchanged them for a wife and a home of my own, and I know that in the long run I will have the better of the bargain.

Some of my friends, bachelors still, will laugh at me.

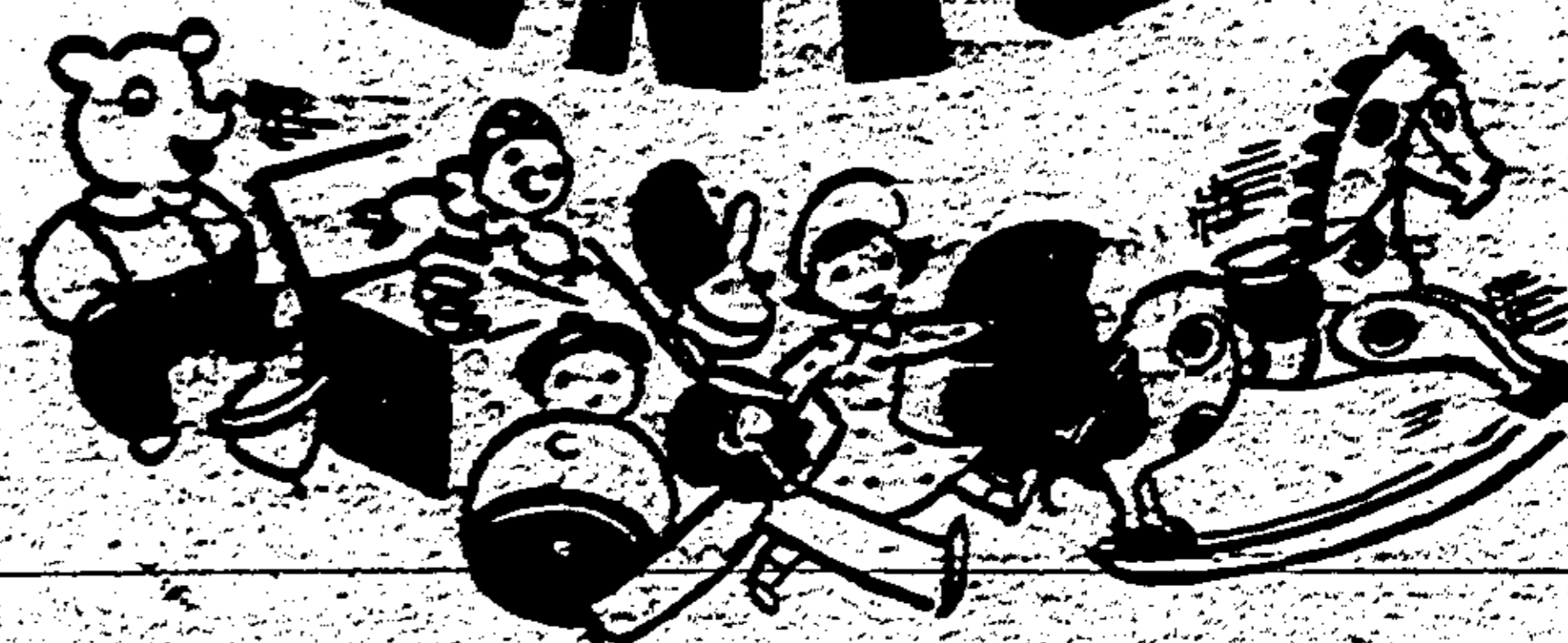
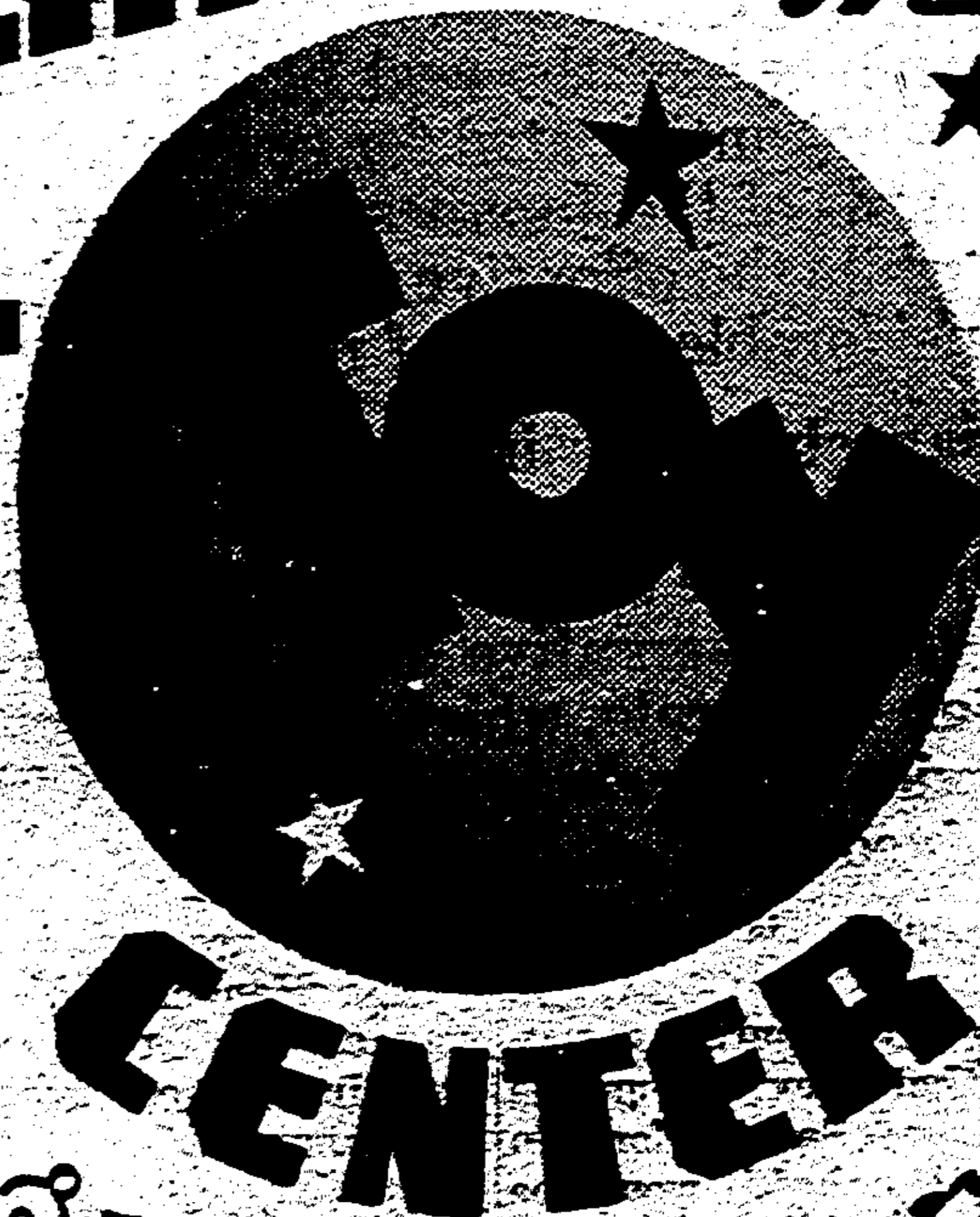
But in a few years it will be my turn to laugh.

They will be getting tired of the same old round of pleasure.

I shall have my wife and, I hope, children around me.

I shall have adjusted myself!

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Irish Jigs—Kinnegad Slashers; Ticknock Jig; The Unknown.
Irish Reels—The Pledge; Maids Of Tulla; Mooncoin.
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Danny Boy (Weatherley).
Danny Malone singing a Duet with himself.
Mason's Apron—Reel.
Rakes Of Clonmell—Jig.
Frank Murphy (Accordion).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
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Jakov Serebroff's Russian Orch.
Danse Des Apaches (Cuthbert Clarke).
New Light Symphony Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m. Close Down.
3.00-3.05 p.m.—European Programme.
3.05-11.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5.00 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6.30 p.m.—Children's Records.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—Music-Hall.
7.45 p.m.—London Relay—Memories of Queen Victoria.
A talk by the Rt. Rev. Sir David Hunter-Blair, Bt.

7.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Relay from the Ko Shing Theatre.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.
8.05-11.00 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK On a Frequency of 540 Kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).
Lightning Switch.
Echoes From The Puszta.
Kiss Me Again.
Orchestra.
Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life.
The Way You Look To-night.
Serenade In The Night.
Webster Booth.
Amina (Lincke).
Animal Antics—Novelty Intermezzo.
Old Vienna Moon.
Live, Laugh And Love.
Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
The Town Talks—Selection.
Vandeville Theatre Orch.
Stand Up And Sing—Selection.
Ray Starita and His Band.
Princess Charming—Selection.
Palace Theatre Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—Empire Exchange.
9.15 p.m.—Chopin.
Nocturne In F Sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2.
Nocturne In G Minor, Op. 15, No. 3.
Rubinstein (Piano).
Mazurka No. 17 In E Flat Minor, Op. 24, No. 4.
Moriz Rosenthal (Piano).
Studies, Op. 10:
No. 11 In E Flat Major.
No. 12 In C Minor.
Bachhaus (Piano).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
Carnival Of The Animals (Saint-Saens).
Song Without Words (In A Minor, Op. 40, No. 6—Tchaikovsky).
10.15 p.m.—London Relay—Variety.
10.45 p.m.—Dance Records.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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8.15 a.m.—Big Ben, The BBC Empire Orchestra.
8.35 p.m.—In Town To-night.
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Long-distance Listening. A talk by Sir H. Walford Davies, C.V.O., followed by gramophone-record illustrations.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

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11.45 a.m.—Memories of Queen Victoria. A talk by the Right Rev. Sir David Hunter Blair, Bt.
11.55 a.m.—Made in Great Britain—2. Yorkshire Chocolate.
12.25 p.m.—The BBC Northern Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Empire Exchange.
1.15 p.m.—Recital of Schubert's Songs.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSP 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben Variety.
2.45 p.m.—Music In African Life.
3.00 p.m.—Geiger and his Orchestra from Claridge's Hotel, London.
3.30 p.m.—In Town To-night.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Variety.
4.30 p.m.—Reginald Dixon, at the Organ of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 16.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.
H.E.T.
2.15 p.m.—Short musical pieces.
3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
3.45 p.m.—Will you be listening in?
4.45 p.m.—Alpine Songs and Yodlers.
5.15 p.m.—Sports Review.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Short Suit Lead

When your only long suit has been bid by the opponents, you usually should make a short suit lead. For example, holding S.—8 4 H.—A 6 3 D.—Q 10 5 C.—Q 9 8 4 2, if an opponent has shown that he has a club suit, your best lead in the spade eight. But with a solid suit such as C.—Q J 10 9 3 you should open the club queen despite the bid.

At times you make a protecting lead at no trump when you have a hand which is strong, but with most of the strength in tenaces, and no long suit which is worth while trying to establish.

From S.—Q 6 4 2 H.—A J 6 D.—K 5 3 C.—8 6 4, the best opening lead is the club eight. But with a four card suit headed by two honours, the long suit lead is better. K J x x, Q 10 x x, J 10 x x all are acceptable suits to lead.

TO-DAY'S HAND

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I met with a severe accident in the hand I am inclosing and, since I was severely criticized by my partner for my method of bidding, I am submitting the bidding to you for analysis. I was South.

"South dealer.

"Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—3 2
H.—J 9 5
D.—Q 8 6 3
C.—Q 10 7 5

WEST

S.—8
H.—K Q 10 2
D.—A J 7 4
C.—A 6 3 2

EAST

S.—Q J 10 9 7 6
H.—7 4 3
D.—10 2
C.—K 8

SOUTH

S.—A K 5 4
H.—A 8 6
D.—K 9 5
C.—J 9 4

"The bidding:

South West North East
1 spade Double Pass Pass
Redouble Pass Pass Pass
"West opened the singleton spade.

I won and led a club toward dummy, East took the king and returned a heart. I ducked and the queen won. The ace and another club spone to an opening heart bid with followed. East ruffed and led another heart. I finally came out with only two spade tricks, the ace of hearts, and a diamond, so

went down three, vulnerable, redoubled, a little matter of 1,600 points.

"I claim that my redouble was asking North to name his best suit. He claims that my redouble was a confirmation of the fact that I could make one spade. Who was right?

"Yours very truly.

"M. R. S. Baltimore."

Obviously, you still are using a bid that was discarded quite a while ago, namely, the S. O. S. redouble. So many misunderstandings took place in connection with this bid that it was thrown out of the Culbertson system and out of the repertoires of almost every expert several years ago. It was found that there was no need for a redouble as a call for rescue. You had at your command a simple and efficient rescue measure of your own, and how you could have failed to use it is hard to understand. Why did you not bid one no trump when East left in the take-out double for penalties? Your hand was nearly perfect for a no trump bid to start with. Certainly you must have sensed that the spades were badly banked against you and that therefore you would be able to take more tricks at no trump than at spades. Also, if partner had failed to bid a five card suit directly over the take-out double, a no trump bid now, by pure logic, would be asking him to come to the rescue with such a suit. Since actually he held only four card suits, there would be no reason for him to increase the contract by bidding either two diamonds or two clubs.

The normal lead against one no trump would be the heart king, and with that lead only ordinary careful play would be required to bring you seven tricks.

Again, referring to the call for a rescue, there is no logic in asking partner to do what easily can be done for one's self.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: What is the correct response to an opening heart bid with the following:
S.—K J 7 H.—A J D.—Q 10 7 5
C.—Q 9 8 6?

Answer: Two no trump.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Topper", with Gary Grant, Roland Young and Constance Bennett. An uproarious comedy with Roland Young as the hen pecked husband who finds himself as the result of a dreadful nightmare. The picture is highly recommended.

AT THE QUEEN'S, ALHAMBRA AND STAR—"Another Dawn", with Errol Flynn and Kay Francis. The story of a small British garrison in Iraq and the love for of two men for the same girl. One of the tensest and most gripping of the eternal triangle stories.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Hollywood Cowboy". After departing from the type of Western roles that made him famous for parts as an amateur lumberjack and a pioneer, George O'Brien is in the saddle again in his latest action film. Sit-down strikes, the use of aeroplanes on the range and other phases of modern life are factors in the robust drama of the open spaces, with Cecilia Parker, popular young actress, in the feminine lead.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"A Star Is Born"—Frederic March and Janet Gaynor are co-starred in this technicolor production. It is a glamorous story of Hollywood in which Janet rockets from extra girl to star overnight. The brilliant cast includes Adolphe Menjou, Andy Devine, May Robson, Lionel Stander, Owen Moore, Edgar Kennedy and Guinn Williams.



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TUNG WAH HOSPITAL'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES: NO QUESTION OF CLOSURE

ALTHOUGH the Tung Wah Hospital is passing through a period of serious financial stringency, there is no possible question of the institution closing down, said the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs this morning, in an interview with a representative of the "China Mail."

The position at present is that unless the public comes forward and gives every support to the appeal for funds, it is more than likely that a large deficit on the year's working will have to be faced. A conservative estimate of the Hospital's assets, however, shows them to be in the region of a million and a half dollars, and there is no foundation for any suggestion that the Tung Wah Hospital faces bankruptcy.

The following reasons were given by Mr. North as contributing to the present financial difficulties:

- (1) Hospital becoming more efficient and so costing more to maintain.
- (2) Increase in population, refugees etc., and so a large increase in patients.
- (3) Fall in mortgage interest and rents, resulting in decrease in returns on investments.
- (4) Fall in subscriptions owing to various demands, notably war charities.

HOSPITAL COSTS

In recent years, said Mr. North the Tung Wah Hospital has advanced in an amazing manner and has reached a state of efficiency far greater than ever before. There is now a far more qualified, and consequently more expensive staff, and additions to equipment, such as the installation of a new X-Ray apparatus, are continually being made.

In common with all property-holders, the Hospital is experiencing considerable difficulty in realising on its investments.

GOVERNMENT GRANT

A report on the finances of the Hospital has been submitted to Government and the matter is being thoroughly investigated.

The Government grant in aid of General Chinese Charities is being increased by \$30,000 in 1938 with the intention that this sum should be added to the grant normally allowed to the Hospital from this source.

"TEMPO OF WAR HAS SPEEDED UP"

Army Chief's Warning

"I am certain that if war came there would be an overwhelming and immediate response by all men deserving the name of Briton to serve their country. But that is not enough. It would be too late. The whole tempo of war has speeded up. We should have no time, as in 1914, to prepare. The first blow would come from air, and a mighty army would follow im-

BRITAIN'S FAIRY CYCLE OF THE AIR

The fairy cycle of the air is here—a training machine equal to a small size air liner, but as simple to handle as a motor-car.

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This development of flying has been brought about by the increased speed of air liners, and the impracticability of training pilots on these air giants costing several thousand pounds.

After much research the "trainer," or fairy cycle of the air, has been designed. One, now in service, comes from America. Another, built in this country, will be available soon for those training to be pilots of British-built aircraft.

Both types have tricycle gear, which ensures safety take-off or landing, even on the most uneven ground.

A few days ago, writes a correspondent, I saw a machine of 125 horse-power, made for training pilots for giant four-engined planes to be introduced on the K.L.M. air routes.

Captain Steensma, who brought the machine over from Amsterdam to Croydon, told me that this type of ship has been operated by novices from take-off to landing with only verbal assistance from the instructor.

Both types can be used as ordinary commercial two-seater planes as well as training ships, but the British machine has the advantage of costing much less than the American.

At about £250, it is likely, when in full production, to earn for itself the title of "the Poor Man's aeroplane."

This warning was given by Field-Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at the distribution of the King's and other prizes at Guildhall to winners in the competitions of the National Artillery Association.

GREEKS LEAVE HERR HITLER A HOUSE

Cologne, To-day.
Greek inhabitants of Cologne have bequeathed a house valued at \$6,000, to Herr Hitler for "fighting Bolshevism."
Failing the Fuehrer's acceptance, the house has been left to General Goering.—Reuter.

RUNAWAY PLANE INCIDENT ACQUITTAL

Paris, To-day.

The French airwoman, Mme. Irene Schroeder, has been acquitted by the Versailles assize court of attempted murder of her lover, the flying instructor, Pierre Lallemand, in December, 1936.

Mme. Irene, it will be recalled, was alleged to have shot Lallemand while they were flying in the neighbourhood of Paris.

Although wounded, Lallemand succeeded in landing in a field and leaped from the plane, whereupon Mme. Schroeder flew off alone to England, where she crashed on the Sussex coast.

She was subsequently extradited at the request of the French Government.—Trans-Ocean.

DEATH OF U.S. MISSIONARY

Wuchow, To-day.

Miss M. Rasmussen, of the Assemblies of God Mission, died last week in the Stout Memorial Baptist Hospital in Wuchow. Miss Rasmussen was brought to the hospital by her Chinese friends from Hoikin. She was unconscious during the two days journey by houseboat from Hoikin to Wuchow and died within a few hours of having reached the hospital. Plans are now being made to bury her in the little Foreign Cemetery in Wuchow on the banks of the West River.

Miss Rasmussen came from America as a missionary in 1923. The headquarters of her Mission are in Kowloon.—Our Own Correspondent.

GOALLESS DRAW IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

A crowd of 45,000 yesterday watched the French and Italian international football teams battle to a goalless draw.

Feeling at times ran rather high and there was some dirty play, but the referee, a Swiss, never allowed the match to get out of hand.

But sides were given a tremendous ovation by the spectators at the finish.—Trans-Ocean.

WHERE WILL WE FIND UNCLE SAM?

Sir,—When one's house is on fire, one naturally looks to one's friendly neighbours for aid. Now China is on fire—set on fire by Japanese incendiaries. She looks to her friendly neighbours for aid; but she expects valuable aid to come particularly from the U.S.A., inasmuch as she not only enjoys a strong traditional friendship with Cb. a, but also is in the best possible position among China's friendly neighbours. However, contrary to all expectation, she has up to the present been a more or less nonchalant onlooker,—the result no doubt of the overwhelming weight of influence thrown upon her political machinery by her isolationists.

The one and undivided opinion of all conscientious observers is that the U.S.A., in evading any effective measure to stay the hand of the Japanese, ignores the fact that by dint of her solemn pledge in the unequivocal terms of the Washington Treaty, she, being the leading Power in its conception, has an inexcusable moral obligation to support, if not initiate, some form of positive action, in collaboration with other signatory Powers, to safeguard China's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Barring all possible diplomatic intrigues, the obvious argument for the present stand taken up by the U.S.A. is that she does not want to incur the wrath of Dai Nippon and get herself involved in the conflict. In other words, she does not want a war. Many competent observers, however, assert that methods effectively to bring the Japanese to their senses do not of necessity give war or invite one. Given that war is inevitable in the application of any effective measure to curb the mad headlong plunge of the Japanese, does America think that by standing aloof with folded arms and letting the Japanese have a free hand she possibly can avoid involving herself? If she does, she is unduly optimistic. She cannot have forgotten so very soon the positive policy advocated by Tanaka in his famous Memorial to the Mikado in 1927, nor can she be so witless as not to be alive to the fact that the present coup of the Yamato warlords represents only one stage of their bold plan of conquest.

Russia has adopted an ostensibly calm attitude since the outbreak of the present hostilities. But is she going to maintain that attitude for long? It is difficult to see how she can afford to be. True it is that in view of the existing German-Italian-Japanese Anti-Comintern Pact Russia has to exercise great care in deciding upon any step she may take in the Far East; but that does not necessarily mean that she is going to be strangled to death without a struggle by the mere existence of the instrument. It would be a lamentably unimaginative Russia, should she fail to see the difference between the present Japan with a precarious economic situation at home plus a strengthening war abroad, and the future one, when she may have firmly established herself in the fertile Yangtze Valley and availed herself of the rich supply of raw materials, perhaps even man-power, to implement her war machine, and choose the right moment to strike. No doubt Russia will depend on France, with whom she has entered a mutual assistance pact, to tackle Germany, should the latter see fit to come to the aid of her Far Eastern ally. Italy, the remaining Power of the tripartite anti-Comintern bloc, cannot be left out nor can Great Britain. And where will be Uncle Sam? We wonder.

K. S. L.

On account of the "Black Out" ordered for next Thursday night, the Philharmonic Society's rehearsal of "The Arcadians" will take place at 5.30 that afternoon at the Cathedral Hall instead of 8.45 p.m. as previously arranged.

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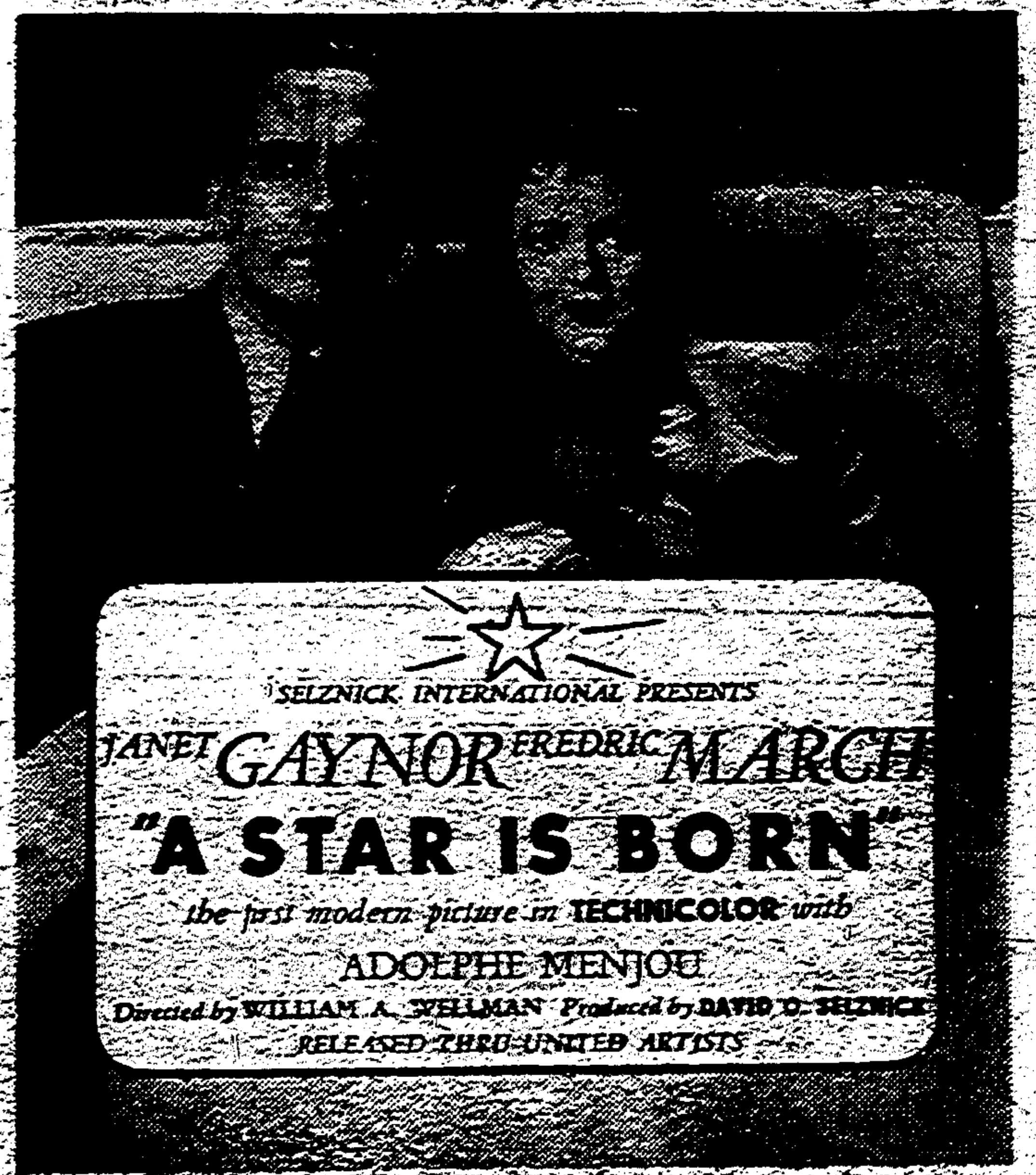
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Chinkiang Expected To Offer Serious Obstacle

SLAV PREMIER VISITS ROME AND BERLIN

Belgrade, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav Premier, M. Stojadinovic, accompanied by his wife and the Italian Minister to Belgrade, left here for Rome yesterday evening.

A semi-official newspaper here writes that although the Premier's visit to Rome is primarily a visit of courtesy, it also shows the understanding between Yugo-Slavia and Italy, which is in the nature of a safety valve in the international situation.

BERLIN AS WELL

Political circles say that no new pacts will result from the visit, but that the question of economic relations between the two countries will be discussed during the Premier's

NOTHING DEFINITE IN TRAUTMANN TALKS

Hankow, To-day.

The German Ambassador, Dr. Oscar Trautmann, arrived here from Nanking yesterday accompanied by the Chinese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

It is authoritatively stated that "nothing definite" emerged from Dr. Trautmann's conversations with General Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking.—Reuter.

stay in Rome.

In Berlin, it is expected that following the Yugo-Slav Premier's visit to Rome, and the visit of the French Foreign Minister to Belgrade, M. Stojadinovic will travel to Berlin at the beginning of January in order to return visits paid to Belgrade by General Goering and von Neurath.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE ADMIT FALL OF TANYANG

Hankow, To-day.

IN spite of the Japanese successes on the Nanking front, the Chinese troops now falling back on the defences of Nanking, are retiring in good order and intend to make the enemy pay dearly when the eventual attack is launched on the capital itself.

China will defend Nanking with the same determination she showed at Shanghai, declared a Chinese spokesman here this morning, indicating that the Japanese have yet to overcome the most difficult obstacles since the last major battles were fought.

The Chinese now officially admit capture by the Japanese of Tanyang and Tsiwangszu, about 40 miles from Nanking.

Chinese troops defending these two towns have fallen back on Chinkiang, 22 miles to the north, on the Yangtse.

CHINKIANG EMPTY

Following their mass air raid on Chinkiang on Saturday, the Japanese are expected to follow up with a large-scale land attack on the town.

Normally with a native population of 30,000, the town has already been largely evacuated.

The Chinese spokesman, admitting fall of Kiangyin Forts, where two Chinese divisions had held up the Japanese advance, described the heroic end of the Chinese defenders.

FINAL SORTIE

After most of them had been killed and wounded, a body of survivors, under a divisional commander, who were completely surrounded by the enemy, launched a last desperate sortie.

The general and nearly all his men were killed, but their sacrifice was not in vain, for the diversion created enabled remnants in the Forts to withdraw unharmed.

The crack Chinese cruiser, Ninghai, built in Japan and delivered to China at the height of the Sino-Japanese hostilities at Shanghai in 1932, was captured by Japanese sailors yesterday as she lay grounded on a mudbank in the Yangtse.—Trans-Ocean.

The Police Branch of the Ministering League are holding a whist, Bridge and Mah Jongg drive at the St. John's Cathedral Hall on Tuesday, December 14, commencing at 3 p.m., admission \$1. This is a Special Xmas Drive and there are good prizes appropriate to the festive season.

Four cases of dysentery, one of smallpox, one of typhoid fever and one of cerebro-spinal fever, were reported to the Health Authorities in the 48 hours ended midnight last night.

NEW GEOMETRY FOR GERMANY

The circle will in future have 400 degrees in Germany, instead of 360, as at present, and the right angle 100, instead of 90. This is ordered in a new decree of the German Minister of the Interior.

Degrees will continue to be divided into minutes and seconds, but these will also be arranged on the decimal principle.

Several years will be allowed to elapse before the new geometry is made obligatory, especially for use at sea, but it will be taught in the schools next year.

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VIOLENT ANTI-BRITISH SPEECHES IN SHANGHAI

Japanese Residents Organise Mass Meeting

"OUTRAGEOUS FLAG INCIDENT"

MR. E. T. MAITLAND'S STATEMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese residents in Shanghai held a mass meeting yesterday in connection with the flag incident during the Japanese victory parade on Dec. 3, and passed a resolution requesting the Japanese Government to "assume a determined stand and take all measures necessary to secure consideration of the incident by the British Government and people, by impressing upon them the outrageous nature of the affair, which is uncondonable."

Speaking at the mass meeting, Mr. Amano, President of the Japanese Residents' Corporation, solemnly contended that the flag incident was clear indication of Britain's pro-Chinese and anti-Japanese attitude.

All speeches made at the meeting were violently anti-British.

Meanwhile, Mr. E. T. Maitland, the middle-aged British lawyer who snatched a Japanese flag and broke the stick during the parade, has made a statement to the effect that he was watching the parade when "suddenly a Japanese civilian violently pushed into my face a Japanese flag and shouted 'Wave the flag.'"

"When I attempted to avoid his effort, he persisted, at the same time pushing his face unpleasantly near my own."

"He then thrust the flag into my hand, whereupon I broke the frail stick."

RESCUED BY POLICE

"Japanese civilians created a commotion, and other Japanese congregated about me and punched me about the face and body, with the result that I now, for the first time in my life, am the possessor of a beautiful blue, black, green and pink eye."

Mr. Maitland described how he was rescued by a British police officer and taken to the police station, where he was kept in the private quarters for safety, as a number of Japanese tried to reach him.—Reuter.

GERMAN CHURCH POLICY

Berlin, To-day.

The German Government does not intend to modify its ecclesiastical policy, in spite of attacks made on this policy in foreign countries, declared the Minister for Church Affairs, Dr. Kerl, to an interviewer yesterday.

Germany, he said, was determined to adhere to the principle of upholding freedom of all religious confessions, provided the latter did not jeopardise the safety of the State.

The Government was inspired by a wish for peaceful co-operation with all religious bodies.—Trans-Ocean.

ISHII IN EUROPE "ON PURELY PRIVATE VISIT"

Paris, To-day.

Viscount Ishii, Japan's envoy to Europe, arrived here from Rome yesterday and is going on to London to-day.

Interviewed by Reuter, Viscount Ishii said he hoped to see Mr. Anthony Eden, with whom he would discuss the Far Eastern situation.

While in Rome, he saw Signor Mussolini but it was untrue to say that he was on a special mission.

"PRIVATE" VISIT

He added: "I am on a purely private visit but am naturally taking the opportunity to discuss the Sino-Japanese conflict with European statesmen."

"This question was touched on during my interview with Signor Mussolini, but we agreed that nothing should be made public."

HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT

Viscount Ishii said he knew nothing of German and Italian mediation in the Far East, but he certainly hoped it might be possible to reach a settlement soon.

There was no question of Japan carrying out any imperial scheme and there was no danger that the war party in Japan would get too much power, but the Communist peril was very great and there might come a time when their patience was tried too far by Soviet propaganda in Japan.—Reuter.

AMERICANS TO LEAVE NANKING

Nanking, To-day.

American subject in Nanking have received notification from the United States consulate warning them to prepare to evacuate at short notice, possibly to-day.—Reuter.

FRANCO-POLISH FRIENDSHIP

Warsaw, To-day.

The cordial nature of Franco-Polish relations found expression in toasts exchanged by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries at a dinner given by Col. Joseph Beck in honour of M. Yvon Delbos.

Col. Beck said that the visit of M. Delbos confirmed the success of co-operation between the two nations, each of which necessarily had its own interests to defend.

M. Delbos, in reply, stressed that the permanent value of the Franco-Polish alliance had been proved.

Development of Franco-Polish relations was characterised by daily increasing mutual understanding, but the solidarity between the two countries was by no means exclusive as regarded other nations.—Trans-Ocean.

The P. and O. s.s. "Rawalpindi" left Singapore on the 4th instant and is due here on the 9th instant at about 6 a.m.

REPUBLICAN CONFIDENCE IN SPAIN

Paris, To-day.

The President of the former Basque Republic, Senor Aguirre, passed through Perpignan, in the eastern Pyrenees, on Saturday on his way to Barcelona.

Senor Aguirre made a cheerful statement to reporters, saying that the Spanish Republic had made great progress in the last year through disciplining itself, and that morale, both on the home front and in the trenches, was extremely high.—Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES

Barcelona, To-day.

Further changes are shortly expected in the Spanish Government.

Yesterday, Ministers held long conversations with the Premier, who also saw opposition party leaders.—Trans-Ocean.

-HITCH IN CURRENCY TALKS

Berlin, To-day.

Negotiations with a view to settlement of commercial payments between Germany and the Netherlands for 1938, have been interrupted.

The negotiations, however, will be resumed in Berlin to-morrow.—Trans-Ocean.

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NAVAL POWER IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN

The plans of the Admiralty for restoring British naval power in the Pacific Ocean will prove a powerful factor in demonstrating to the world the unity of the peoples of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The policy may be traced back to the decision to convert Singapore into a first-class naval base, and the West, with provision a half-way house between the East docking and repairing and supplying ships of the largest type. At one time it looked as though the money which was being spent on this development might have to be regarded as wasted, since provision was being made for building few men-of-war beyond a meagre provision for the squadrons based on British ports and on Malta.

Under the influence of the disarmament movement, the naval authorities had to concentrate on the protection of the heart of the Empire and the defence of merchant shipping at the focal points of the principal trade routes. For the time being, the needs of the outer seas had to be practically ignored, for the simple reason that ships were not available over and above those required in what are usually termed "the near seas." Work at Singapore was slowed down and it was urged in influential quarters that the whole scheme should be abandoned and the expenditure already incurred written off as a loss, a further contribution to the reduction of naval armaments.

The sea lords of the Admiralty, in view of the then-current opinions at Westminster and in the British constituencies, could do little, but as a result of their insistence year by year, modest sums were provided in the Navy Estimates. Their action was the inevitable sequel to the cutting down of the strength of the Royal Navy, since, if ships were not to be built for duty in the outer seas, it was

not necessary immediately to provide served. They recognised that British power and prestige in the Pacific Ocean had to be restored, heavy though the cost would be, if the interests of the widely distributed dominions, colonies, and dependencies subject to the one throne were not to be left at the mercy of an enemy.

A "GO SLOW" POLICY
A "go slow" policy was in the circumstances not only justifiable, but inevitable, but operations were never completely arrested. Year by year the plans slowly took shape for making Singapore one of the greatest of all the bases in the British Empire, with good docking accommodation and repair facilities, large detachments of aircraft, a stronger garrison than in the past, and great stores of oil fuel and other naval supplies. Very slowly the character of Singapore has thus been changed, and no one who was familiar with it 20 years or so ago would recognise it to-day. It has been transformed into a well-defended and well-supplied place of refreshment for the naval forces of the Commonwealth, while the establishment at Hong Kong, though under the Washington Treaty it could not be strengthened, has been maintained in an efficient condition.

Thus two bases, in addition to Aden and Bombay, will in future be at the disposal of the naval commanders-in-chief of the British naval forces "east of Suez." The requirements of the strategy of the Commonwealth will thus be met, in accordance with the plans elaborated by the sea lords of the Admiralty immediately after the close of the Great War, when it was apparent to them that the axis of the Empire would have to be moved from Malta to a point farther east if the unity of the Empire in matters of defence was to be preserved. They recognised that British power and prestige in the Pacific Ocean had to be restored, heavy though the cost would be, if the interests of the widely distributed dominions, colonies, and dependencies subject to the one throne were not to be left at the mercy of an enemy.

Before the passing of the first Naval Act by Germany, the only countries which kept fleets of considerable size in Pacific waters were France and Russia, for the squadrons of the United States and Japan were small. The White Ensign was as supreme in the Pacific as in European waters. In 1900 the squadrons immediately available in case of trouble in any part of the Pacific included the following vessels:—

China Squadron:—Battleships: Goliath, Centurion, and Barfleur. 1st-Class Cruisers: Orlando, Undaunted, Aurora, Endymion, and the Terrible. 2nd-Class Cruisers: Bonaventure, Hermione, and Pique. 3rd-Class Cruisers: Alacrity and Brisk. Sloops, etc.: 14 (including 4 river gunboats). Destroyers: 5. East Indies:—2nd-Class Cruiser: Highflyer. 3rd-Class Cruisers: Marathon, Cossack, and Pomone. Sloops: 3. Torpedo-Gunboats: 2 (1 in reserve). Coast Defence Ships: Magdala and Abyssinia (in reserve).

Australian Station:—1st-Class Cruiser: Royal Arthur. 3rd-Class Cruisers: Katona (Sydney re-serve), Mildara, Ringarooma, Tauranga, Wallaroo, Mohawk, Porpoise, and Palades. Sloops and Gunboats: 3. Torpedo-Gunboat: 1.

RESTORATION OF NAVAL STRENGTH

The pessimists have been confounded by events owing to the far-reaching vision of the naval authorities in London which led them, not to tear up, but merely to pigeonhole their plans. Knowing something of history, they were satisfied that the British peoples would, in due course, regain their strategical sense, recognising that though on political and economic grounds European waters had for the time first claim on the naval resources of the Commonwealth, its security would require a return to the traditional policy of policing not merely the seas in the western hemisphere, but also those of the eastern hemisphere. Events have fulfilled their faith in the good sense of the British peoples. The Singapore scheme is approaching completion and the new shipbuilding programme, the most ambi-

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black ones to \$2 each for the pure white ones. This will give up some 12,000,000 skins per year, to sell at an average price of \$1.25 each, making our revenue—well, you work it out.

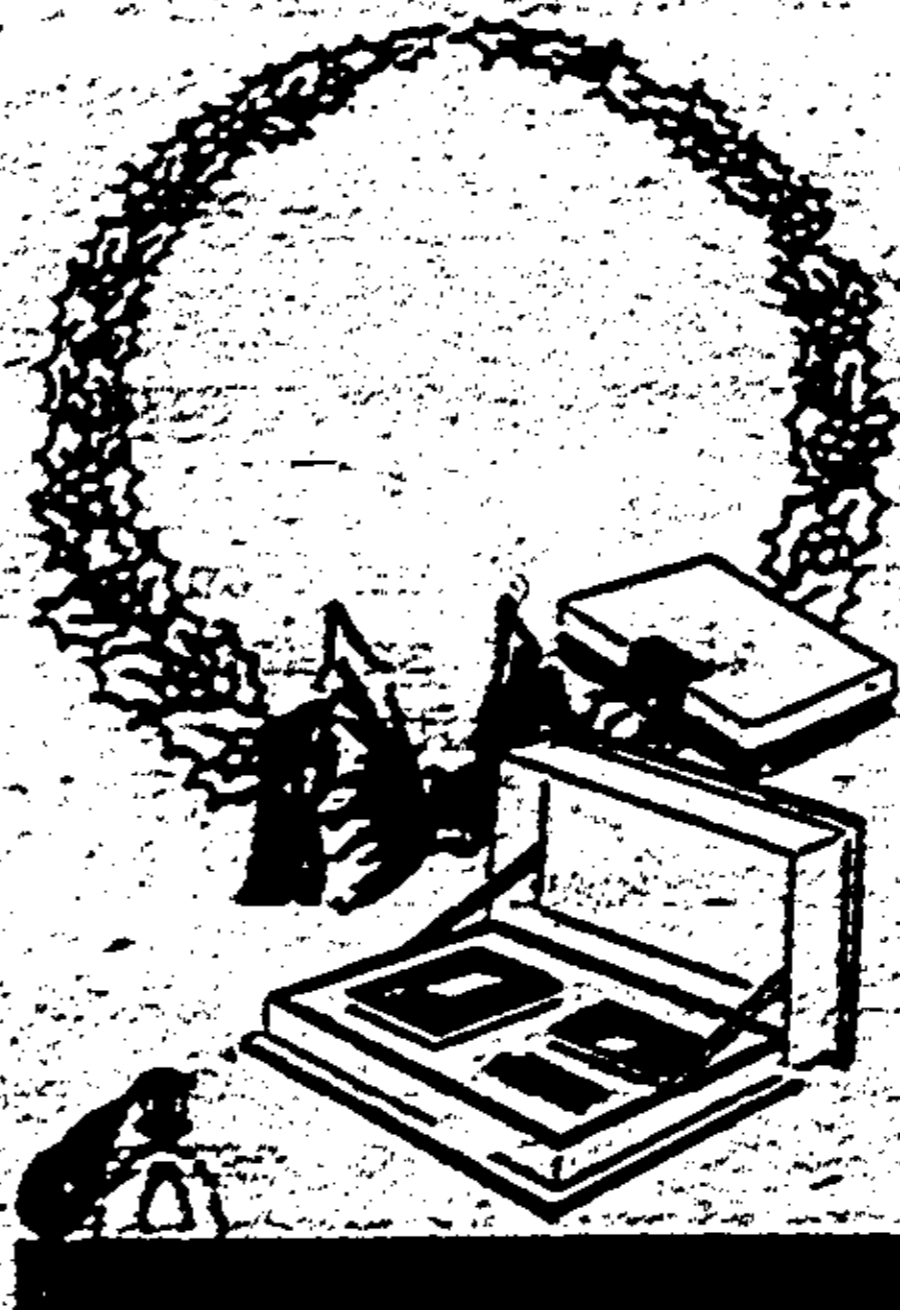
We shall feed the cats on rats, and start a rat ranch. The rats multiply four times as fast as the cats, so that if we start with a million rats, we shall have four rats per cat each day, and we will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats from which the skins have already been taken, giving each rat a quarter of a cat.

It will thus be seen that the business will be self-acting and automatic throughout. The cats will eat the rats, the rats will eat the cats, and we shall have the skins.

Awaiting your prompt reply, and trusting you will appreciate the opportunity to get rich quickly,

Yours faithfully,
Ulysses.

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Balance Upset By Sudden Gust After Take-Off

SIR JOHN SALMOND'S RIGHT COLLARBONE BROKEN

London, To-day.

There was a wind of gale velocity when Imperial Airways flyingboat Cygnus, which crashed at Brindisi yesterday, left her moorings, according to an eye witness.

After an unusually long run, the Cygnus just managed to leave the water when a sudden gust of wind upset the balance of the machine, which crashed in a gigantic cloud of spray.

The nose of the hull appeared to have crumbled up like cardboard.

SIR EDWIN LUTYENS'S SON

It is now stated that the Australian passenger, who with the steward was one of the two drowned, was Captain Macdonald Falconer, who was travelling from Charleville, Australia.

It was also revealed last night that Air-Marshal Sir John Salmond, another of the passengers, in addition to a cut shoulder, also had his right collarbone broken. His condition is stated to be not serious.

Mr. Robert Lutyens, one of the passengers not seriously injured, is the son of Sir Edwin Lutyens, the architect.—Renter.

H.K. MAIL ON BOARD

The Hong Kong office of Imperial Airways announced this morning that, in all probability, mails for Home from Hong Kong were aboard the Cygnus.

The mail involved would have been that which left Hong Kong on Saturday, November 27.

CANTON BOYCOTT DECISION

Canton, To-day.

"Japanese goods will be taken off the markets as from this morning for an indefinite period," reads a proclamation issued by the Canton Merchants Association this morning.

This means that even old stock will not be sold in the city.—Our Own Correspondent.

FATAL ACCIDENT

A fatal accident occurred yesterday afternoon when Nam Min-kau, a coolie, fell off lorry No. 2385, in Des Voeux Road West. The lorry was laden with baskets of vegetables and deceased was seated on top. Some of the baskets fell and deceased was thrown to the ground. He received injuries to the head and died on the way to Queen Mary Hospital.

BRITISH ARMAMENT PROGRESS

London, Yesterday.

The changes in the Army Council are further commented on in this morning's news papers, all of which approve the new appointments.

The newspapers take the opportunity to discuss Britain's rearmament programme, drawing attention to demands in the House of Commons that the Government reveal what progress has been made.—Trans-Ocean.

NAVAL POWER IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN

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tious ever undertaken, is making rapid headway. By the end of this year, the shipyards in the British Isles will have in hand men-of-war of 550,000 tons displacement. Further orders, including a group of battleships, in addition to the five now under construction, will be placed in the course of next year.

At one time it was feared that a shortage of steel might delay progress and that an inadequate supply of skilled craftsmen would be available. Those fears have been dispelled by a careful reorganisation of existing resources of material and labour, while new plants for the making of steel, the manufacture of guns and munitions, and the preparation of armour have been completed. The Admiralty drew up a schedule of completion dates for the contracts which they began to place early in 1936, and so far progress has been more rapid than even they expected.

This expansion of the Royal Navy will not only make it possible to reinforce the squadrons in European waters, but will enable the naval authorities, in association with the Governments of New Zealand and Australia, to re-establish British naval prestige in the Pacific Ocean which for upwards of a quarter of a century has been dominated by the fleets of the United States and Japan.

FLYING DOWN TO RIO

At the Canadian Chinese Club's December meeting on Friday, the programme included a preview of the China National Aviation Corporation's first travelogue film, "Flying Down to Rio" which depicts the trip from Miami to Rio de Janeiro on the luxurious Clipper ships.

Mr. Philip Delany, the Pan-American Traffic Manager for China, gave a short introductory address and disclosed the welcomed information that there were other travelogue films in the making, one of which portrays the scenic beauties of Hong Kong and Macao.

A short comedy and a cartoon shown by courtesy of Mr. Coe of The Film Depot, completed an enjoyable and entertaining programme.

COL. AND MRS. LINDBERGH ON VISIT TO U.S.

New York, To-day.

Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh arrived here on an unexpected visit yesterday, their first paid to the United States since they took up residence in England two years ago.

Complete secrecy marked their voyage on the "President Harding," and the famous flying couple disembarked from the third class gangway.

It is understood that their children are remaining in England.

The Lindberghs appeared on the passenger list as "Mr. and Mrs. Gregory" and remained in their suite until the vessel left Queens-town, after which they mingled freely with the passengers.

Col. Lindbergh refused to talk to New York reporters yesterday, but officers of the liner said the famous flier had come to spend Christmas with Mrs. Lindbergh's mother at Eaglewood, New Jersey, and that they would be returning abroad immediately after Christmas.

It was recently reported that a friend in the United States had received a letter from Col. Lindbergh, expressing the "desire to return to St. Louis very soon." —Renter.



Not Like Other Girls.

The lot of the girl who is "not like other girls" in the fact that she cannot participate in outdoor games because she lacks the strength and energy to do so is indeed hard. When she does overcome her nervous disinclination, and attempts to play, she quickly gets out of breath, her heart thumps appallingly, her face becomes flushed and her head dizzy, she feels hot and distressed and soon has to stop, completely exhausted.

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MANILA DECLARES RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR; IT WAS GOOD WHILE IT LASTED

The granddaddy of all Manila rumours, the one which mushroomed to greatest size on the least of foundation, came to the city with the dawn last week, burst in full flower at eight o'clock in the morning, and reached top mouth-to-mouth momentum at the coffee-club hour, around ten-thirty a.m.

With the first rosy streaks of sunrise there was a suspicion, gained possibly from newspaper stories current for several months, that Russia and Japan were at odds over some diplomatic matter. At this hour it was confined to early risers and late celebrants. Sixty minutes later it reached a couple of breakfast tables and gained the stage of an out-and-out impasse between the two nations.

By the time people began going to work the rumour was running up and down the Escolta with the throttle open, and it looked as if Russia and Japan might declare war on each other if somebody didn't step in. Evidently somebody stepped in. It may have been a couple of stock brokers, or a telephone operator, or a ship's radio man, or a waiter in a down town cafe. Anyway, rumour became fact. Fact became a thing one was ashamed to admit he hadn't heard two hours before from the most reliable sources, including the Mikado and Joseph Stalin.

At ten o'clock there was a rush for gas masks, and binoculars, to scan the skies for marauding bombers. The telephone company was the worst sufferer. Frantic calls jammed the lines to determine the low-down on the latest international conflagration.

Finally, around eleven o'clock, when nothing happened in the way of authentic confirmation, scepticism took the place of belief, and the town began to settle down to more normal rumours, like a dollar drop in the price of gold and favourable congressional action on immediate Philippine independence.

The source of the war rumours remained a mystery. Fast checks to news centres in Shanghai, Tokyo and New York brought word that nobody had thought of a war between Japan and Russia. It was all of Manila's own making. It was a good war while it lasted.



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JAPAN AND ITALY

One of the notable features marked by recent developments in Pacific high-tension politics is the difference in interpretation of Berlin and Rome of their individual responsibilities under the Anti-Comintern Pact with Japan. With or without prospect of achievement, Herr Hitler resolutely pursues the path of peace, striving, through unofficial channels, to discover whether there is common ground upon which China and Japan can be brought together. Desire to keep on good terms with Japan does not, by any means, exclude friendship for China, and were there the remotest chance of mutual accommodation at this stage, Germany's peculiar position in the scheme of things, adroitly maintained in highly delicate circumstances, would fit her, above others, to be the medium for initial negotiations. It is probably true that Germany reckons without her anti-Comintern ally, and believes that Japan, more genuinely anxious for peace to-day than China, would surrender sufficient of her ambitions to permit Chinese consideration of the balance as a basis for an armistice. But while this may be at variance with hints, official and semi-official in Tokyo, of what constitutes the Japanese minimum, Germany's sincere desire to be helpful and to end the conflict before Japan wrecks herself as well as China can scarcely be doubted.

Italy, on the other hand, actively encourages Japan in her aggression, antagonises China bitterly and unnecessarily by formally recognising Manchukuo, and cynically invites Nanking to accept subjection to Japan as an historical necessity!

There must be a reason for this divergence in attitude and there is only one which suggests itself. The Italian action, if not deliberately mischievous, must be read as an effort to thwart Anglo-American attempts to reconcile the parties. If the Italian purpose is that British diplomacy shall be obstructed in whatever it may attempt—in revenge for British policy at Geneva against the Italian conquest of Abyssinia—then the new essay in opposition fits easily into place with obstruction at the Non-intervention Committee in London, the aggressive manoeuvres in the Mediterranean, and the agitation of Arab anti-British feeling in the Levant. "Britain brought the United States to the conference table in Europe," one

may imagine Japan saying, "our retort in counter to that is to align ourselves openly with Japan."

With this temper manifested, and with open Italian support of Japan's defiance of her co-signatories to the Nine Power Treaty, the prospects of conciliation in the Far East do not look bright, in spite of all that Dr. Trautmann may attempt to do. Those who would seek peace at any price may continue to detect signs of response. The objective view fails to mark any inclination in Japan except to further conquest and any disposition among responsible leaders in China except to resistance.

It is something of a tribute to Britain, taking the ethical approach of the tory to the crisis, that the view should be expressed that Tokyo would prefer Britain to be mediator, if mediator there is to be. The Japanese Government, says the commentator, does not share newspaper hostility to British policy. This, presumably, on the assumption that the Japanese Government is sufficiently fair-minded to attribute the motive of British policy as self-preservation. Apart from that, Japanese diplomacy is a keen student of history, and the country has felt bitterly in the past the falseness of friendly professions by European Powers. It was the Continent, which stultified Japan's victory over China in 1894-5, and Britain which came to the rescue with the Chinese loan whereby China was enabled to pay Japan an indemnity. Again, after the Russo-Japanese war in 1904-5, only Britain and the United States saved Japan from losing the prize of victory.

If Russia be irrevocably Japan's enemy—the view of the "anti-Communist front"—how can their statesmen serve the Japanese people's welfare by antagonising in the Pacific Britain and the United States as well? There can be no other outcome of the failure of the Brussels Conference, the deliberate defiance of world feeling, the refusal to state a case for mediation and such examples of militarism-gone-mad as the provocative Settlement march. Japan is involved in a desperate game. Mr. E. M. Gull (an informed commentator) pointed out in a recent issue of "Nineteenth Century" that, of the 17 divisions in Japan's peacetime military establishment, five are on service to-day in Manchukuo, six are in North China, and four in Shanghai. Since that time at least three more divisions have been sent to Shanghai, and two to Manchuria, and the magnitude of Japanese financial appropriations for the war effort suggests that new divisions are being raised and equipped for active service. As an outspoken critic in the Tokyo "Oriental Economist" wrote recently, appropriations for the present conflict up to date amount to 2,600 million yen—half as much again as the cost to Japan of the whole Russian war in 1904-5, which did not exceed 1,700 million yen. After each of those former was British and American capital came to the aid of Japan financially. When running to Italy for advice and gestures of aid, Japan might first ask themselves whether Italy can recoup them specifically for what Japan may forfeit with the final destruction of Anglo-American friendship.

JAPANESE REVERSES IN CHANGTEH AREA ADMITTED

Chinese Claim Recapture Of Wushing Imminent

CHINKIANG AGAIN HEAVILY BOMBED

Shanghai, To-day.

Highly conflicting claims of success are being made by both sides in the Shanghai-Nanking War Zone.

The re-capture of Wushing is imminent, claims a Chinese report this morning, which adds that Changhing is once more under Chinese control. Kwangteh, it is claimed, was finally re-taken on Saturday following several attacks and counter-attacks during the past few days.

NANKING PREPARES FOR DEFENCE

Nanking, To-day.

The city at present is under de facto martial law, and the streets are being patrolled by small parties of troops wearing yellow armbands and acting as military police.

The waterfront districts contain many aimless groups of soldiers somehow detached from their units, and these are a potential source of disorder.

Hitherto the situation remains firmly in the hands of the authorities, who have reiterated that they have no intention of burning the city prior to Japanese entry, in spite of rumours to this effect circulated in some quarters.

Meanwhile, indications continue that Nanking will be desperately defended.

GINLING FOR REFUGEES

Buildings of Ginling College, the famous American-endowed Chinese women's institution, are making preparations to take care of women and children refugees seeking shelter.

The safety zone committee announces that there is not yet sufficient food for the safety area, and requests that all merchants moving in should bring their own provisions, while provision dealers are being encouraged to keep their shops open.

CHINESE AID

The safety committee has received assurances from the Chinese authorities that all military establishments are moving out from the vicinity within three days, and the committee has made it clear to the Chinese authorities that this promise must be fulfilled, otherwise it will be impossible to carry out the safety scheme.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE

Munich, To-day.

The condition of General Ludendorff again shows no change, says a bulletin issued by his doctor late last night.—Trans-Ocean.

On the contrary, the Japanese insist that they are fully in occupation of Kwangteh. It is tacitly admitted, however, that reverses have been experienced on this front and that the issue remains undecided.

Japanese troops farther north have reached, it is claimed, the outskirts of Kuyung. This is however, strongly denied in Chinese circles, who state that the Japanese advance on all fronts has been halted by fresh troops picked from the armies of various inland provinces.

Chinkiang was again bombed this morning, and fires, which started on Saturday, are still blazing furiously.—Our Own Correspondent.

IMPROVED SITUATION

Nanking, To-day.

An official communique states that the military situation has definitely improved in favour of the Chinese, especially the right flank, which is driving on to Wushing after recovering Changhing.

A sanguinary battle has developed in the area to the southeast of Changhing, and the Chinese have reached the suburbs of Wushing, around which hand-to-hand fighting is in progress.

One report says that about 7,000 Japanese troops are being besieged in Wushing by Chinese converging from different directions.

The enemy have made no effort to attack Chinkiang and Kuyung since the fall of Tanyang as they need to consolidate their newly-gained points before a large-scale attack can be launched against Chinkiang, the fortification of which is not inferior to Kiangyin.—Hua Nan.

TO-DAY'S ALARM EXPERIMENT

On its very much smaller scale, and without warning as to the actual moment of the experiment, the test of an emergency alarm system this morning, by broadcast from Z.B.W. studios and loudspeakers installed at two points in the Central District, proved strikingly effective there being some excitement among persons not acquainted with the purpose of the alarm.

It was evident, however, that the penetrative power of the loudspeaker, at least with the volume employed in the experiment, was very limited, and that large numbers will be necessary if this is to be the sole method employed for sounding a general alarm in an emergency.

JAPANESE TO ASK PERMISSION?

Shanghai, To-day.
It is learned that it has been informally suggested to the Japanese military authorities that in future they request leave when they wish to enter the British defence sector.

This is the result of a lorryload of Japanese troops entering the sector without permission en route to a Japanese mill.—Reuter.

NEW AIR ROUTE FROM RUSSIA TO HANKOW OPEN

Hankow, To-day.

Hankow at present is humming with the noise of aircraft of many types, as Soviet and American planes carry out manoeuvres in the air all day.

Chinese air force pilots are rigorously training with a view to making China more powerful in the air.

The new air route to Russia through west China is also contributing to Hankow's heavy air traffic.—Reuter.

FUKIENESE BECOMES PUPPET MAYOR IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Su Hsi-wen, a native of Fukien province, educated in Japan, has inaugurated the so-called "autonomous government" of Greater Shanghai, proclaiming himself "mayor" of the "Tatao (Great Way) City Government of Shanghai."

Mr. Su assumed office yesterday in the former Bureau of Police building in Pootung.

In a manifesto which he issued, announcing inauguration of his government, he denounced war and upheld peace and co-operation.

He said: "The Imperial Japanese army, on behalf of the Chinese people, has eradicated the militarists, Communism and the Kuomintang."

Mr. Su also announced that he has formally changed the flag, and many of the puppet emblems have been hoisted over buildings in Pootung.

The new flag has a yellow background, with a circle half blue and half red, resembling the symbol of Taoism.—Reuter.

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It is announced that persons holding \$277,000,000 worth of Treasury Notes maturing on Feb. 1, will be permitted to exchange them for an equal amount of the new Bond issues, but securities they receive will be in addition to those offered for cash sale to the public.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, explained yesterday that the new securities will refund others already outstanding, and that no new money borrowing is in sight in the next two months.

Officials interpret the statement as confirming the Administration's intention to retrench in the current financial year and balance the Budget next year.—Reuter.

APPROPRIATION CUTS

New York, To-day.

Cuts totalling \$800,000,000 on amounts appropriated last year are being made to assist fulfilment of President Roosevelt's promise of a balanced Budget in 1938-39, according to the Washington correspondent of the "New York Times."

The Budget Bureau is reported to have already agreed to the cuts.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PLANES STUNT OVER SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Apprehensions aroused by the Japanese victory parade on December 3 have not been allayed by the action of three Japanese planes stunting over the Race Course in the heart of the International Settlement yesterday.

At the time, a couple thousand foreigners, mostly British, were watching soccer and rugby games.

The planes performed power dives and flew at a very low altitude.—Reuter.

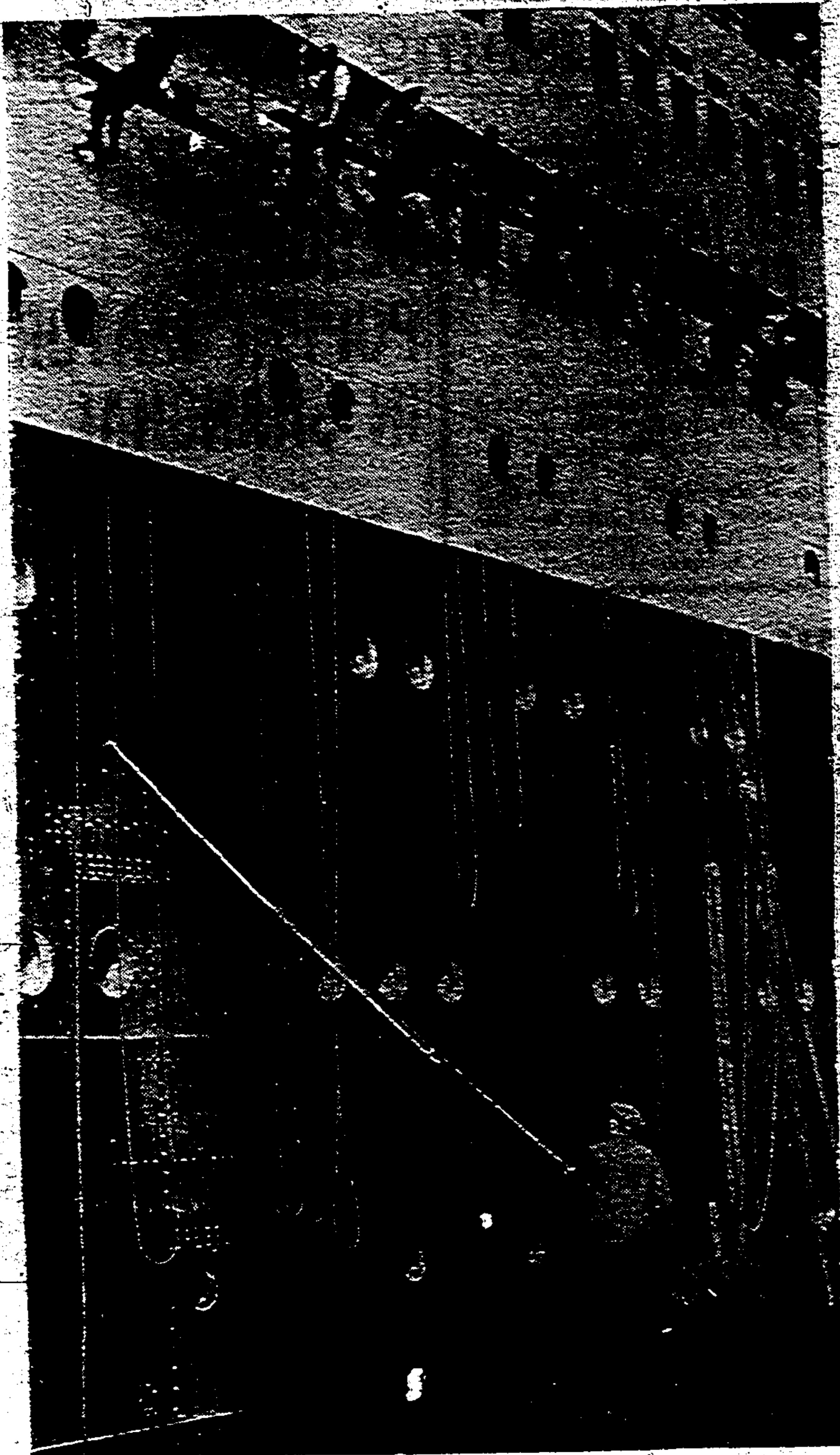
BRITISH M.P.'S IN MADRID

Madrid, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the British Labour parliamentary op-

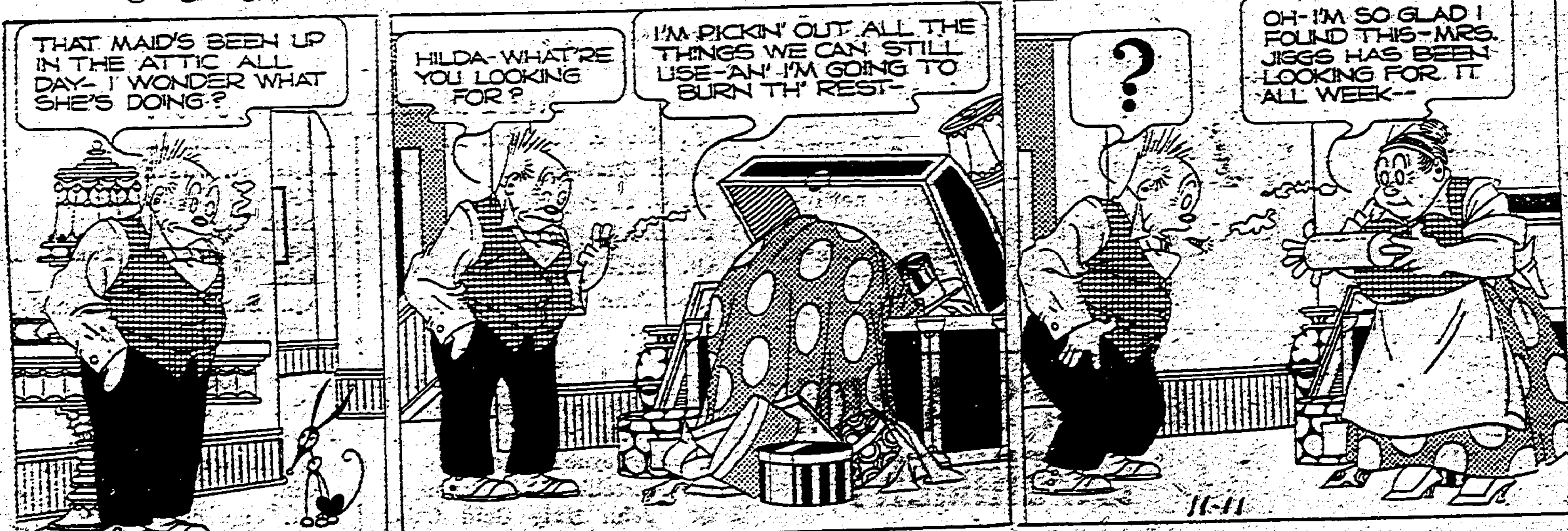
position, together with the Members of Parliament, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, have arrived here.

They are visiting the Madrid front and the devastated areas.—Reuter.



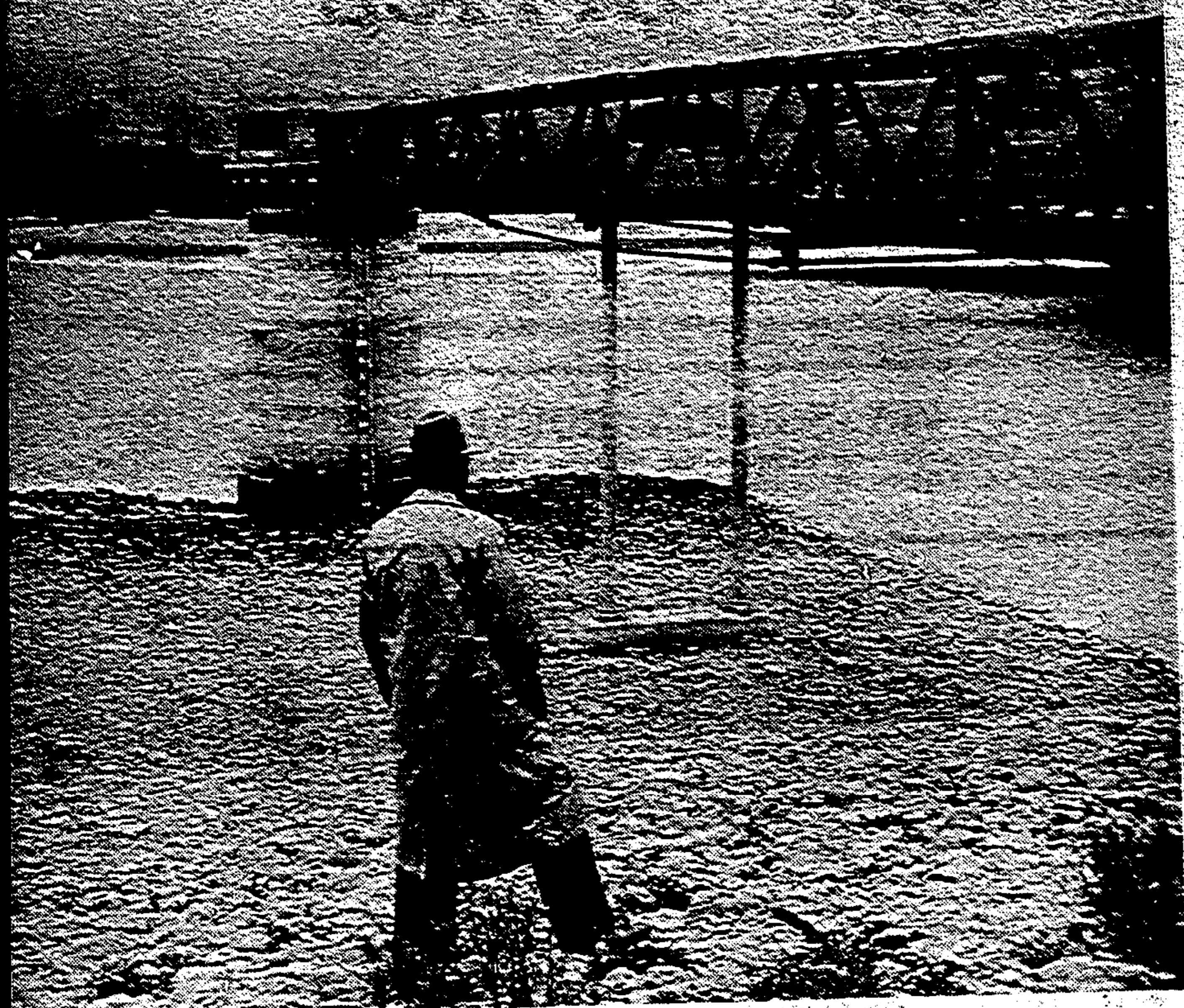
When a liner docks at Southampton for painting an army of men armed with brushes and paint pots swarm round her sides and tackle their giant task. Sometimes they have only a few hours in which to complete the work. Photo shows—Painters above working from cradles while a painter below with what must be the longest paint brush at work on a ship in dock at Southampton. (Fox Copyright).

Bringing Up Father



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dry period, combined with the great industrial expansion of the City of Gloucester has brought a water shortage. The reservoirs at Witcombe which are the main supply of the City, are and the position is daily becoming more acute. Photo shows—A view of one of the reservoirs at low state of the water, which should be 37ft up the pier. Weeks of rain are necessary to bring the level to normal. (Fox Copyright).

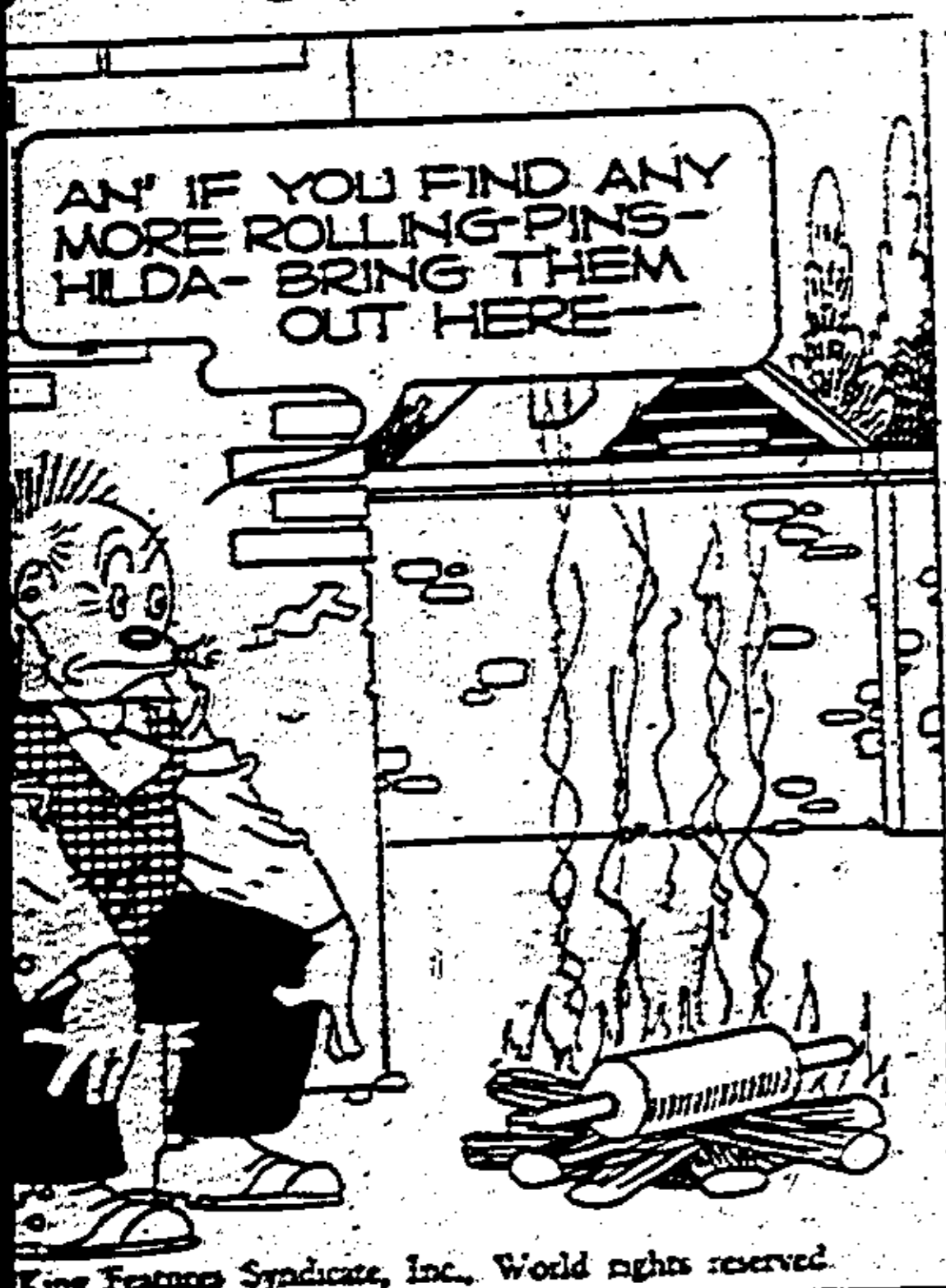
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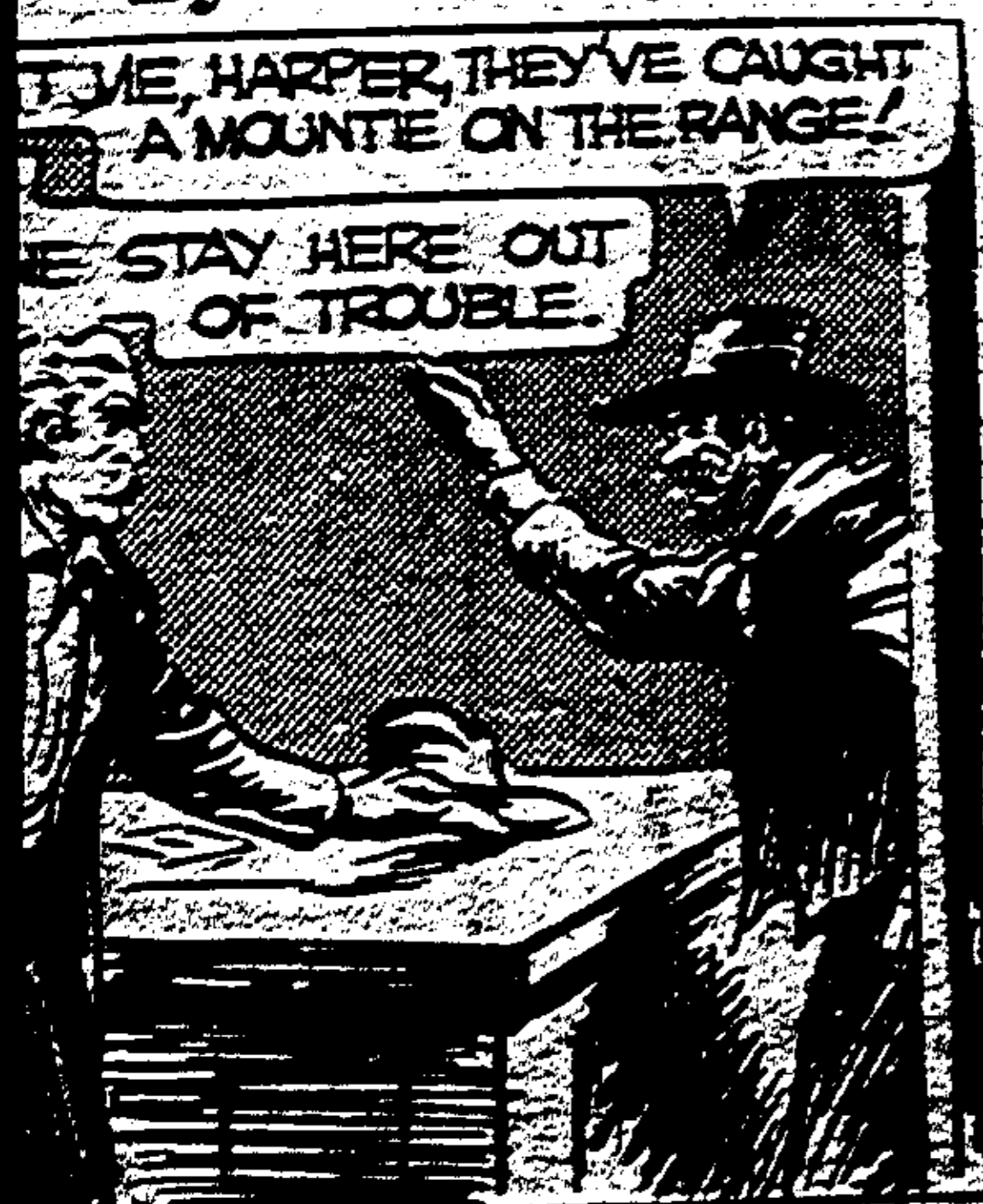
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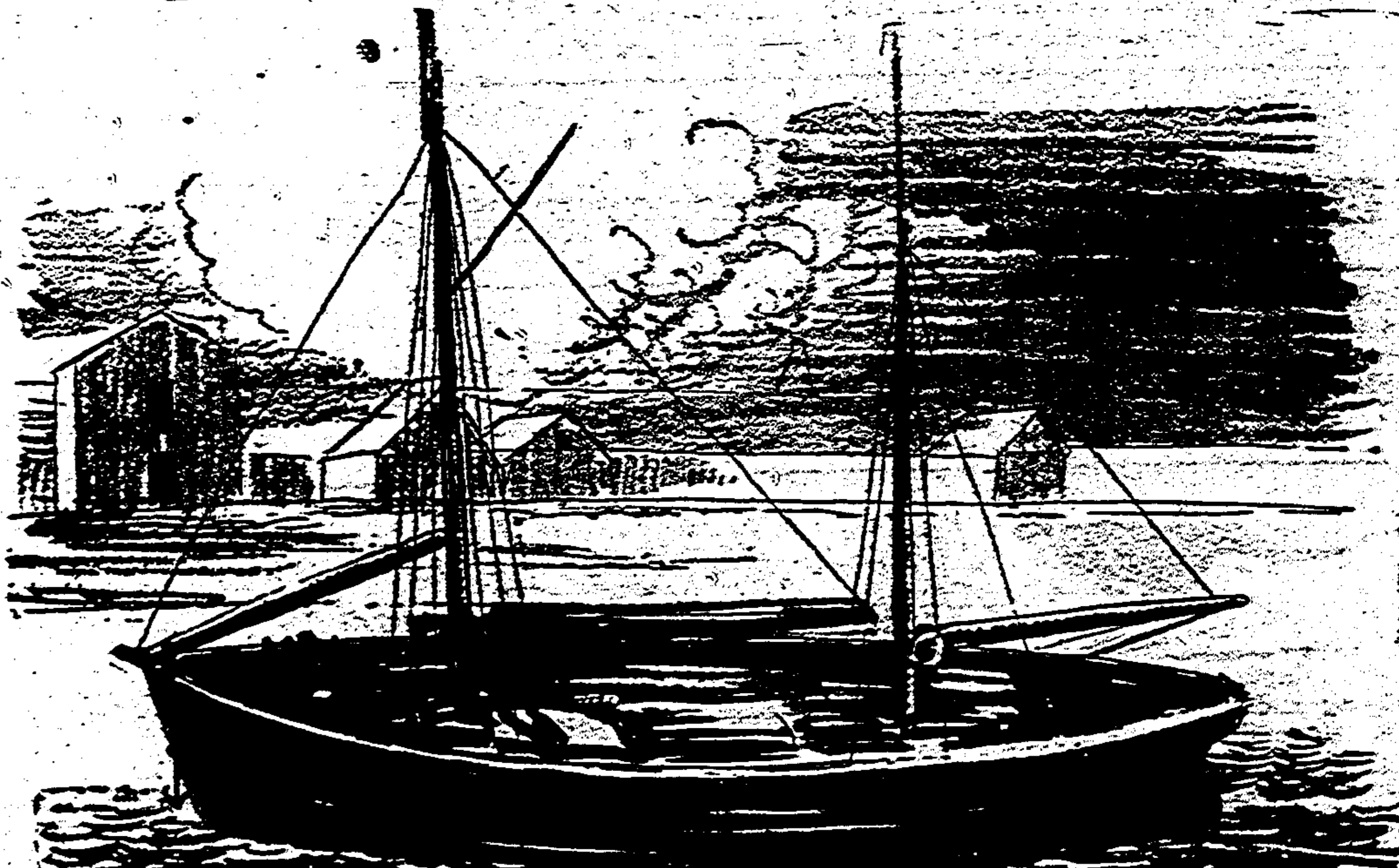


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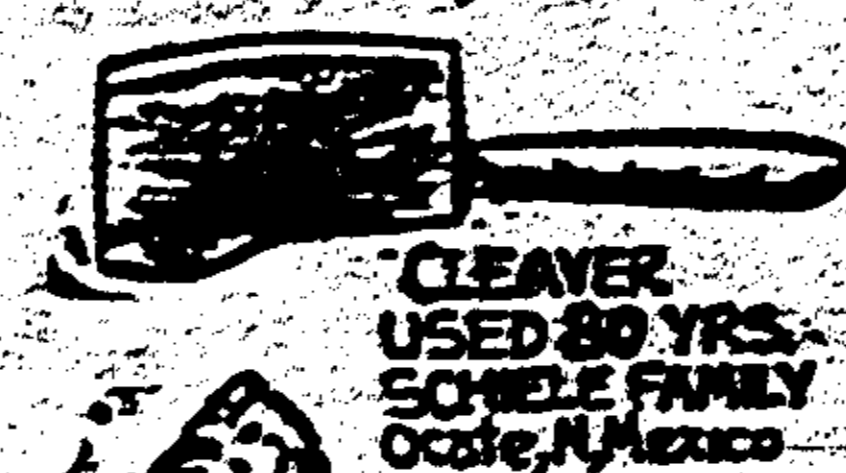
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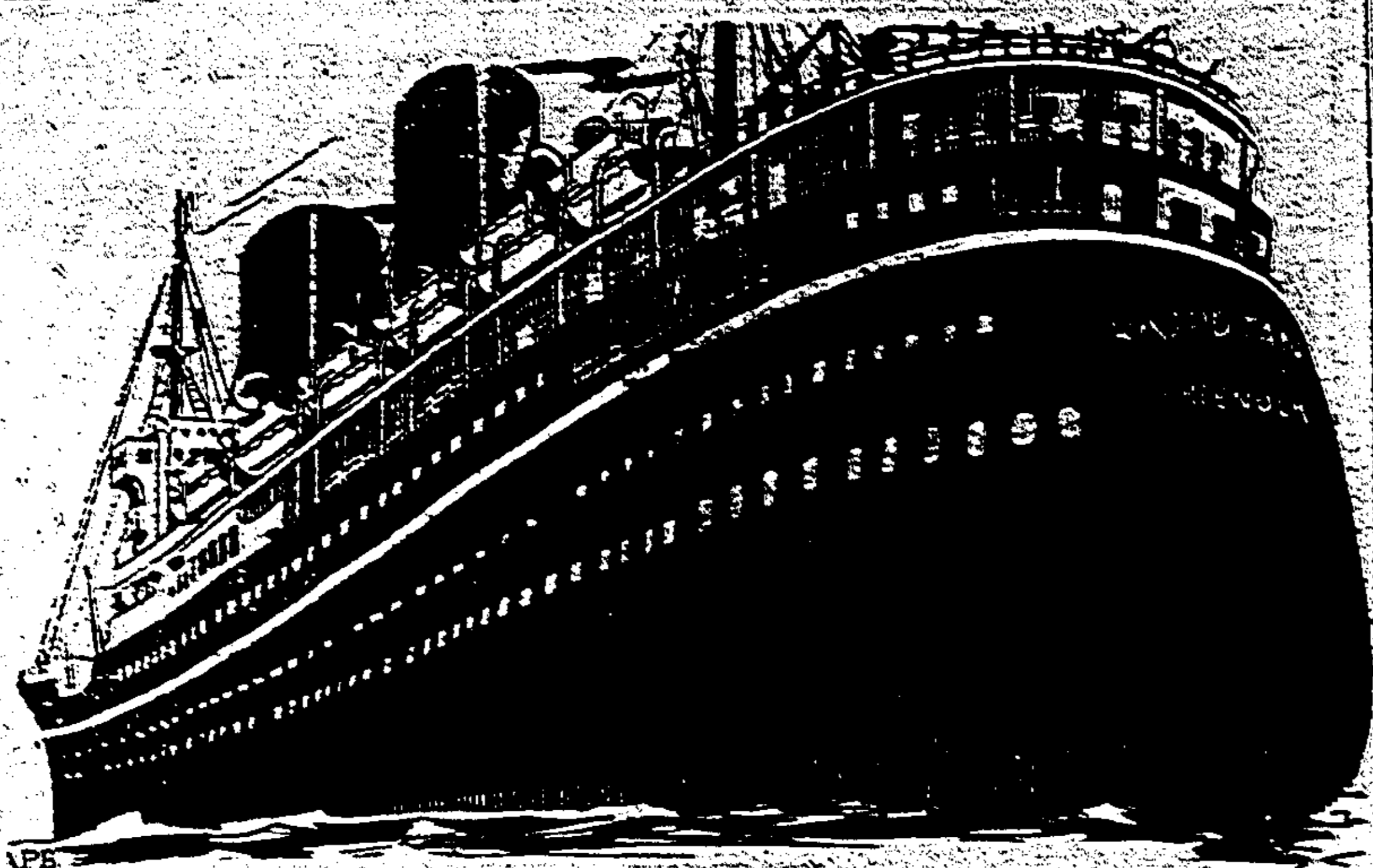


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Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Suiyang	Mon., Dec. 6, 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Patroclus	Mon., Dec. 6, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Polk	Mon., Dec. 6, 5.00 p.m.
Tuesday		
Air Mail for North China, Sian and Eurasia Plane	Tues., Dec. 7.	
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Formosa	Hong Kong Maru	Tues., Dec. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Anhui	Tues., Dec. 7, 12.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 16th Dec.	Buenos Aires Maru	Tues., Dec. 7, 1.00 p.m.
	Reg., Dec. 7, 1.30 p.m. Ord., Dec. 7, 2.00 p.m.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Buenos Aires Maru	Tues., Dec. 7, 2.30 p.m.
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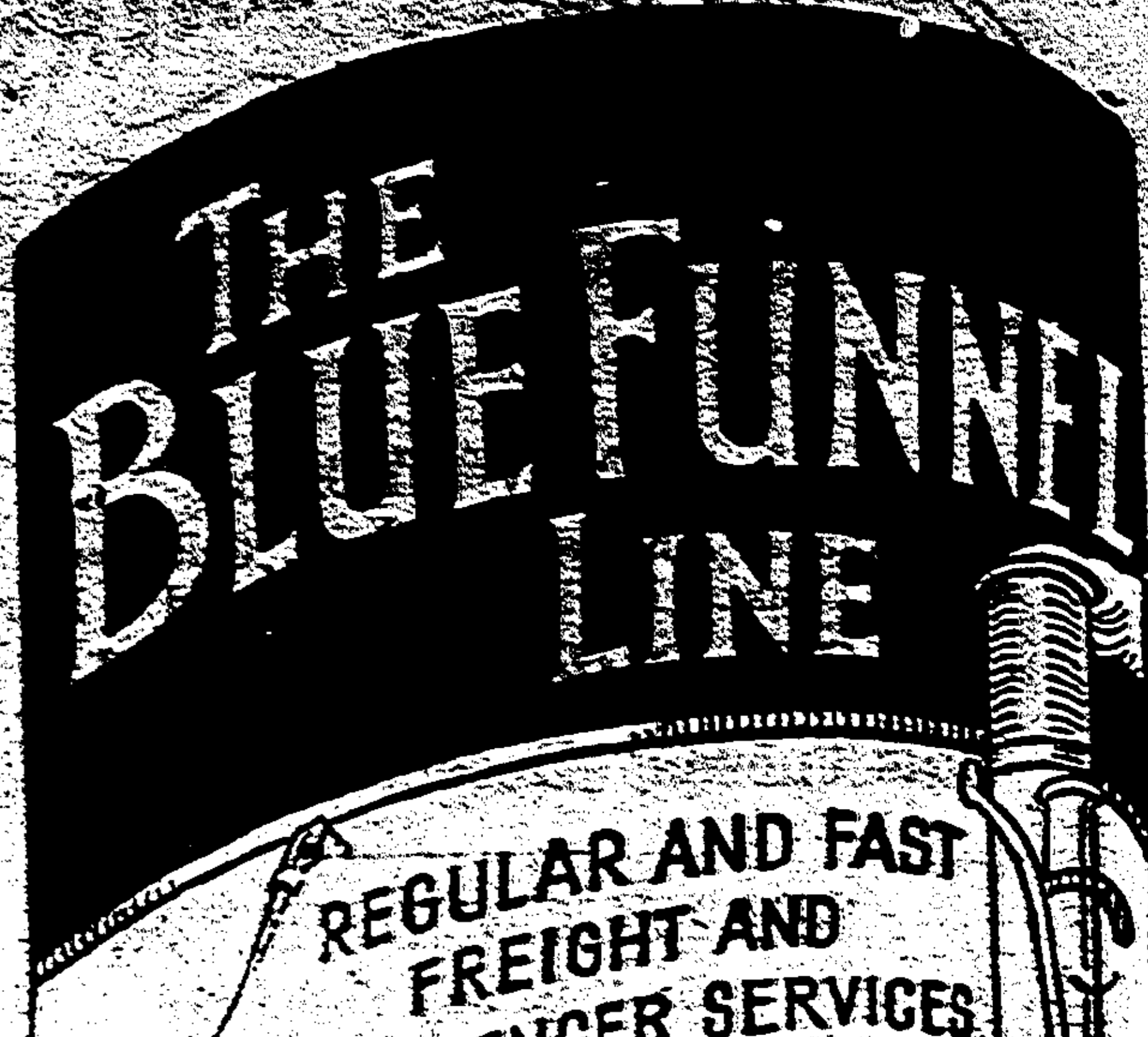
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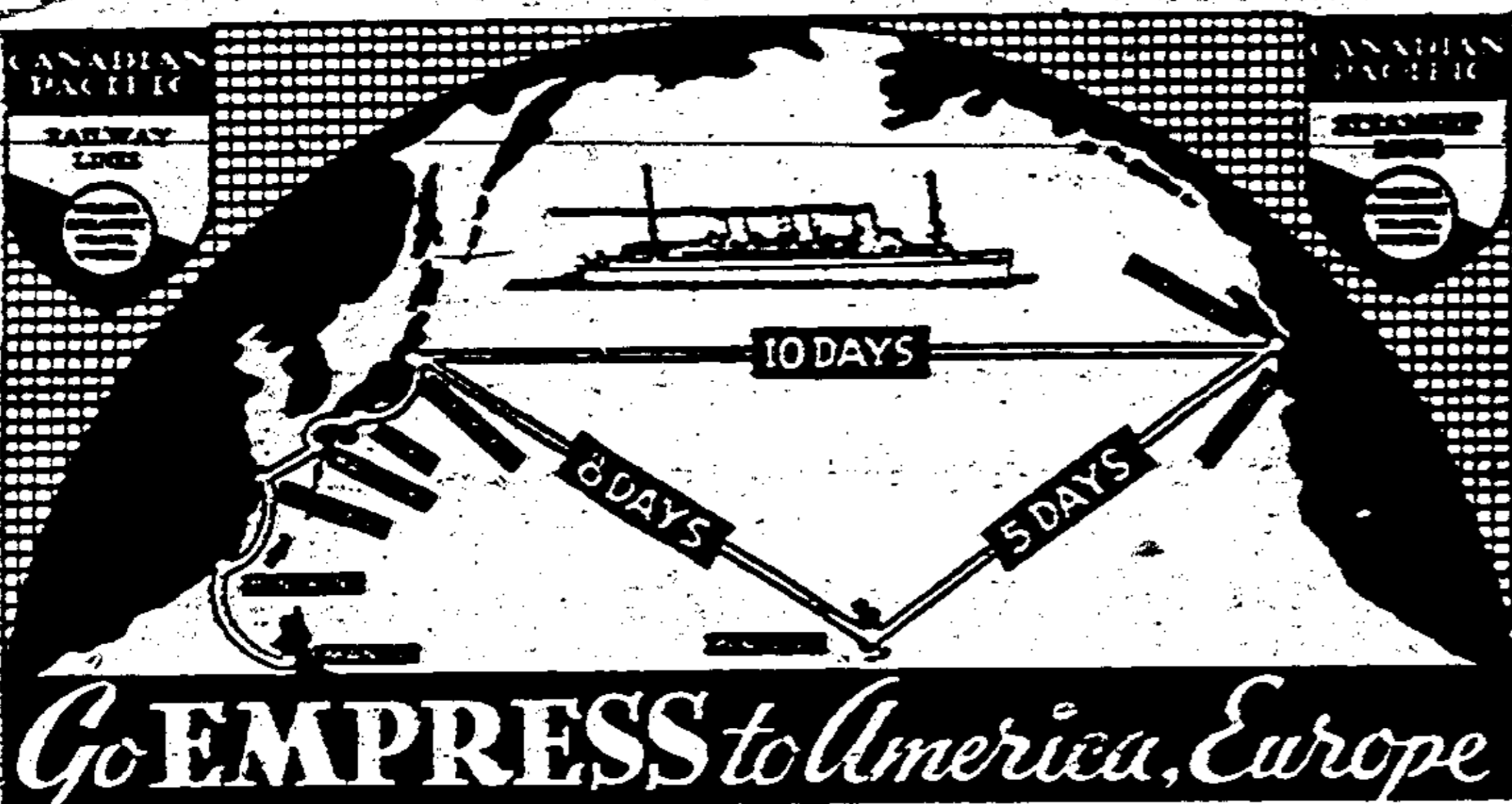
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Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) £ 90 b.

INSURANCES

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REPORTER WHO MADE LORDS ADJOURN

Mr. W. J. Murphy Dead

Mr. William Joseph—“Pat”—Murphy, for 50 years a well-known Fleet-street journalist, has died at his home in New Park Court, Brixton-hill, aged 77.

As a Parliamentary journalist he reported Gladstone, Joseph Chamberlain and many other famous statesmen of the past.

One of his stories was of one occasion when he, as he claimed, caused the adjournment of the House of Lords. During the debate he feelingly said aloud, “Adjourn.” The Lord Chancellor, thinking that the request had come from a member of the House, put the question, and the adjournment was carried at a very early hour.

“I think I am the only journalist who has ever accomplished that, and, needless to say, I was the hero of the Press Gallery that evening,” he said afterwards.

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German Air Force Organisation Is Unsurpassed

In the past few weeks British air experts—official and others of high standing in the aircraft industry—have visited Germany, writes the air correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph."

I am told that they have seen evidence of technical achievement and production organisation surpassed in no other country.

Facts relating to first-line Air Force strength in other countries are difficult to obtain and verify.

In June of this year, there is reason to believe Germany had about 1,600 machines, and the British strength for home defence was about the same. These figures appear to be approximately correct, but need explanation.

SHADOW FACTORIES

Germany and Britain have increased their strength since June, Britain under the R. A. F. expansion programme and Germany under a steady drive, which will probably keep pace with—and may even surpass—anything Britain can do.

For many months German production has exceeded British by some 10 per cent. Now that British production is getting into its stride, and the "shadow factories" are at work, it may be possible to hold our own.

The estimate of first-line strength takes no account of British overseas units or of the Fleet air arm. Germany's air force is, of course, contained in Germany. British total strength now exceeds 2,000 first-line machines. Such estimates take no account of reserves.

Reserve strength, however, is the most vital of all, and no country divulges facts relating to it. It may well be that both in Germany and Britain the grand total, first-line and reserves, at the present time considerably exceeds 3,000.

The bulk of such reserves are stored, and on them would depend

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

The outstanding and vital fact about Germany's air effort is, I am informed on the highest technical excellence. This is particularly evident in aero engines, in which department Germany had much leeway to make up.

As to types of engines water-cooled or air-cooled Britain has no reason to fear comparison. Germany has no fighters or bombers in service superior to Britain's.

A very important fact which weighs in Germany's favour is the simpler and more rapid procedure of development from the inception of a new type and its adoption by the Air Ministry through all stages to production.

Despite certain reforms there is still much hampering and time-wasting procedure in the British system.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19-7/16 and "forward" at 19-5/16.

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FUNG PLAYS AT HIS BEST

ARMY COLLAPSE IN SECOND HALF

(By "UBIQUE")

South China won the first game of the Kotewall Charity Cup Competition yesterday at Causeway Bay when they defeated the Army by 3 goals to 1 in a game in which the Army after showing great promise in the early stages of the game, fell to pieces in the second half.

The Army were forced to make several changes from their advertised team, Watson going to right-back to allow Calvert to play at inside-right, while Coakley was brought in on the right-wing in place of Pearson.

The Chinese forwards were badly in need of a leader. Chan Tak-fai, in the centre-forward position, was much too slow for Sheehan and Watson and though given many chances by both Lai Shui-wing and Fung King-cheong bungled them. His opening goal for South China was a real gift as Lai should have scored himself.

Tam Kwan-kon, in the South China goal had much to do in the first half and brought off several commendable saves while the two backs were sound.

IN GREAT FORM

Lau Hing-choi was in good form and must be ranked as one of the most improved Chinese players of this season. He was always up with the attack and sent numerous passes to both wingers. Leung Wing-chui, at right-half, was a great spoiler and had Thompson well covered.

Yeung Shui-yick was a failure on the right-wing. He did not send over any good centres, while he was out of position for a pass on most occasions. Fung fed him well, but in the second half neglected him.

Cheong Moon-wing came into the picture in the second half and had Evans on the run.

Watson and Sheehan were both quick tacklers while Bright, in the Army pivotal position, was a great success, using his height to great advantage. Evans, at right-half, paid too much attention to Lai Shui-wing and though he kept a good grip on this player enabled Cheong Moon-wing too much room on the left-wing, and two of the three goals were initiated by this winger.

IZZARD TOO SLOW

In the forward line, Izzard was far too slow and had the bad habit of taking the ball back. Calvert and McGuigan were both hard workers, the former having hard luck when he struck the upright in the latter part of the game. Coakley was the better of the two wingers and sent over some good centres.

The Army, who did most of the pressing in the first half, scored first through Bright, but the Chinese equalised before the interval.

FIFTEEN PLAYERS FOR CIVILIAN HOCKEY MATCH

Following the trial the following 15 players were invited to attend the Club ground on Sunday, December 12, at 10.15 a.m.: K. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and E. L. Gosano (Recreio); J. Gonsalves (Recreio), W. Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club), K. Malik (K.I.T.C.), R. A. Marques (Recreio); S. A. Fowler (Club), U. Kraus (Y.M.C.A.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), C. Wall (Police), V. Bond (Club) and J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.).

WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY 11TH

1st Division
Middlesex v Club
(Sookunpoo, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Stedman.
Linesmen: Whittle and Somerville.
K.F.C. v Seaforth
(Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Isley.
Linesmen: Demee and Silva.
South China "B" v Police
(Caroline Hill, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Richard.
Linesmen: Sutterly and Marriott.

2nd Division
Seaforth v Club
(Sookunpoo, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Gomes.
K.F.C. v Kwong Wah
(Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Jones.
South China v Police
(Caroline Hill, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Youngs.
Middlesex v Eastern
(King's Park, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Farr.
3rd Division (Hong Kong)
R.A.S.C. v R. E.
(Military H. V., at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Morecroft.
R.A. Stanley v Police
(Military H. V., at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Hudson.
3rd Division (Kowloon)
Kumaon Rifles v 24th R.A.
(Chatham Road, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Alywn.
P.S.A. v 20th R.A.
(King's Park, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Dove.
Seaforth v R.A.F.
(Prince Edward Road, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Stone.

SUNDAY 12TH

1st Division
Eastern v South China "A"
(Causeway Bay, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Reynolds.
Linesmen: Brothwell and Edwards.
St. Joseph's v Kowloon Chinese
(Caroline Hill, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Sidebottom.
Linesmen: J. Silva and Draisey.
2nd Division
5th R.A. v R.E. Chinese
(Sookunpoo, at 2.30 p.m.)
3rd Division (Hong Kong)
R.A.O.C. v 5th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee: Baker.
Powhattan v R.A.M.C.
(Caroline Hill, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee: Burgess.

when Lai Shui-wing placed the ball for Chan Tak-fai to net.

The Army fell away in the second period when Fung King-cheong scored a good goal and Cheong Moon-wing netted with a hard drive to complete the scoring.

Army: Bowland, Watson, Sheehan, Evans, Bright, McCusker, Coakley, Calvert, Izzard, McGuigan, Thompson.
South China: Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shui-hon, Li Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chui, Lau Hing-choi, Chia Kam-hung; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheong, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shui-wing, Cheong Moon-wing.

CIVILIAN TRIAL YESTERDAY SHOULD PROVIDE STRONG XI

R.A. MARQUES & V. BOND IN THE LIMELIGHT

FORWARD LINE SHOULD BE VERY POWERFUL ONE

(By "STICKS")

A successful Civilian hockey trial was held at King's Park yesterday morning when over 25 players turned up on the ground and some good hockey was witnessed, despite the changes made in the second half when the Probable team were made to play together with the exception of the goalkeeper, Ramzan playing for the Possibles.

THE HOCKEY WAS VERY FAST THROUGHOUT AND THERE WERE SOME GOOD PHASES OF PLAY, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE HALF-BACKS, ALTHOUGH THE FORWARDS RARELY CAME INTO THEIR OWN, THE GOALS BEING SCORED IN BREAKAWAYS.

Ramzan was the more confident of the two custodians and cleared with accurate and lusty kicks. Benwell had an excellent defence in front of him and the only occasions the opposition forwards broke through found him unprepared for the shots directed at his charge.

In the first half Guest and Gurbachan Singh and Pintos will Gosano were paired in Whites, probably be rivals for the inside-right berth. In the first half Rodrigues was paired with an Indian Pintos played with Pyara Singh at inside-left and worked up a fairly good understanding although he did nothing outstanding in the second half. Gosano was circle. In the second half as centre-forward for Colours, he was good and cleared with judicious hits, while his covering of his colleague was always commendable. Rodrigues revealed flashes of his former brilliance, but was inclined to be slow at times and is not quite ready for the Colony or Civilian side.

HALVES SHINE

The halves shone yesterday and some really outstanding performances were given, especially at right-half where R. A. Marques, probably the youngest player on the field, distinguished himself with a brilliant display of spoiling tactics and feeding. His style is very much the same as that of Willie Reed and his recovery was always accomplished with the minimum of delay. Gonsalves, the other right-half, did not show up in his best colours although at times he was good. He was too inclined to perform the obvious and often wasted an attempted pass to his winger with Fowler well covered by the opposing back and half.

Willie Reed was again at his best and is probably the most consistent player we have ever had in the Colony. He was everywhere at the same time and a source of considerable annoyance to his opposing forwards. On the left Malik, in the second half, gave an imposing display for Whites and should secure his place. Brown was also useful at times, but lacked constructiveness in his methods.

STRONG FORWARDS

The selection of the Civilian forward line should not be a very hard task. Fowler was easily the pick of the two right-wingers, while

Gurbachan Singh, making his first appearance in a representative trial since his return from India, displayed flashes of former brilliance, but wasted time in useless dribbling and I should be very surprised if he finds his way into the Civilian side, although his inclusion is almost certain because of his intricate stick-work and knowledge of attack. Pyara Singh, the logical selection for the centre-forward berth, while Kraus, who is a practical newcomer to local hockey, should secure the inside-left berth. His passing and understanding with Pyara Singh and Gurbachan Singh, in the second half, was very good. He scored a fine opening goal in the first half.

LOGICAL SELECTION
There is only one selection for the left-wing berth and on yesterday's performance Bond should secure this berth. He was very fast, centred accurately and was unlucky not to have scored a goal in a solo breakaway in which he had no support from his other forwards.

On yesterday's trial I would have no hesitation in selecting the following to represent the Civilians:

K. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.)
A. E. P. Guest (Radio)
E. L. Gosano (Recreio)
R. A. Marques (Recreio)
W. A. Reed (Club)
K. Malik (K.I.T.C.)
S. A. Fowler (Club)
Gurbachan Singh (Radio)
Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.)
U. Kraus (Y.M.C.A.)
V. Bond (Club)

READERS DISCUSS RUGBY LAWS

WHO IS REALLY TO BLAME THE PLAYER OR REFEREE?

WHEN GOOD WORK IS PENALISED

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, November 3.

If I may judge from my correspondence, the Rugby laws are rapidly superseding crossword puzzles as intellectual exercises. Letters keep rolling in about them, and I begin to believe that followers of the game are as analytically minded as master chessplayers.

Oddly enough, the letters have a way of cancelling one another out. Here, for example, is one which begins: "We shall get no farther until players take the trouble to read and master the laws. If they won't read them, and continue to infringe persistently, they must be sent off. A sharp lesson or two is what they need. The chief trouble is the players' own apathy and stupidity."

Then comes the story of a referee in a first-class London match the season who remarked cheerfully just before the kick-off that he hoped he would do all right, because he had only read the revised laws that morning. From this it follows, a guess my informant, that players cannot be expected to obey laws so casually administered.

THE MIDWAY COURSE

My own opinion takes a midway course between these two extremes. I refuse to believe that all players are pirates or all referees weaklings. Many referees, indeed, take great trouble to master the laws and their implications, and many players do their level best too comply with the revised rulings. There are exceptions, of course, but on the whole I think we tend to exaggerate the present discontents.

It may be, as another correspondent suggests, that the relations between referees and players need to be defined more clearly. Is the referee a policeman, or merely a friendly arbiter who should remain as unobtrusive as possible? "There seems to have been more whistling this season than ever before," says this reader. "No sooner does a game begin to open up than the referee closes it down for some petty technicality. Surely a referee should use his judgment, and let the game flow without insisting always on the strict letter of the law, provided there is no manifest advantage to one side or the other."

REFEREE HAS NO OPTION

Well, that is a nice point, and one that is frequently raised. I sympathise with my correspondent. Ideally, a referee is merely on the field to interpret the spirit of the game, much as a violinist interprets a piece of music. The laws exist for all that, and their ultimate purpose is to balance a game fairly between two sides. The referee, as I see it, has no option. He must abide literally by the laws. He cannot contract out of them, however admirable his motives may be.

Now another most interesting letter from a reader who says: "I have been playing club football for 14 seasons, with another five years before that at school, most of the time as a forward and a hooker. I presume on these grounds to have upon shoving and quick packing."

some knowledge of the problems by which a forward is beset.

"NO ENCOURAGEMENT"

"Firstly, he has no encouragement to-day to work in the tight scrum. Hard shoving, with consequent retreating of his opponents in the tight, leads more often than not to the penalising of his scrum-half for 'ball not in straight.' I know the obvious answer—that he has no business to be shoving to that extent before the ball is fairly in the scrum. But under the average modern referee (perpetually haunted by the bogey of scrumming infringements from the powers that be) any forward motion of the scrum means an unfair advantage in possession of the ball, and must be checked immediately.

"The resultant discounting of the hard work that the young forward has expended rapidly breaks his heart, and he gives up that constant shoving whose gospel you preach so ably."

MATTER OF IMPORTANCE

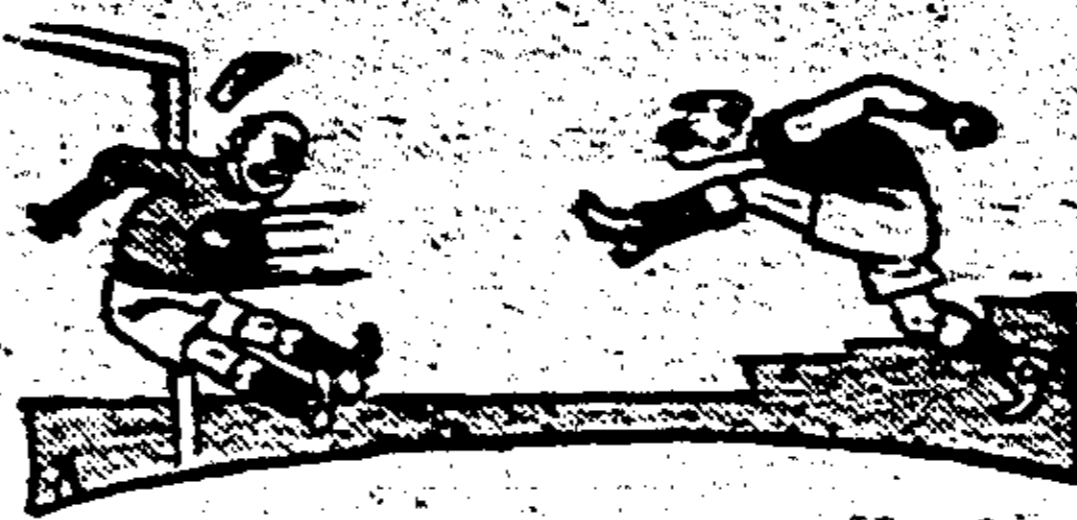
This is a matter of some importance. My correspondent has put his finger on a serious defect in the modern game. I have heard the same criticism bitterly expressed at considerable length by no less a person than the great John Daniell, who said, in effect: "What is the good of picking a scrumming pack for England when the forwards aren't allowed to get the first shove?"

He was thinking, no doubt, of a Calcutta Cup match not so long ago when the England scrum-half was penalised time after time for putting the ball in crooked, though actually the England forwards were merely shoving over it, as good forwards should.

STATIC AFFAIR

We have come to regard the scrum as a static affair which must take place on the exact spot where the infringement occurred. This, I am convinced, is fundamentally wrong. Certainly the forwards must form down on that spot, but they should not be compelled to remain there until the ball is put in. As soon as they are down, a scrum is legally formed, and they should thereafter be allowed to attempt to gain ground and momentum.

A premium would thus be placed upon shoving and quick packing.



YESTERDAY'S JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Kwong Wah defeated the Chinese Engineers by 9 clear goals at Causeway Bay yesterday. Rocha (3), Chan Chi-fun (2), Lan Wing-kui (2) and Leung Bing-kam and Wong King-cheung were the goal scorers.

The Ordnance created a surprise in the Third Division, when, with only 10 players they defeated the Medicals by 4 goals to 2 at Sookumpoo yesterday. Munton (3) and K. Duffield scored for the Ordnance while Gantzer (2) netted for the losers.

again, and we might hope to return to the happy state of affairs described by Gwyn Nicholls in his preface to Cliff Jones' book.

"CATS AMONG PIGEONS"

"As far back as my playing days," says Mr. Nicholls, "we had to cope with the winging forwards of other countries. C. V. Rooke, of Ireland (1891), was, I believe, the originator. England had their Pillmans; Scotland never failed to start with a couple of spoilers, and they were all like cats among the pigeons if we persisted in heeling and passing."

"But when we found our backs too much interfered with, instructions were given to the pack, who were usually chosen with a strict eye to their scrumming abilities, to cease heeling, to push, wheel and to make it generally a robust forward game. This almost invariably resulted in forcing the shirkers back into the scrum. We were then fairly frequently able to indulge in Welsh back play. It was a matter of mixing our tactics."

We need, I submit, every possible incentive to a revival of such tactical flexibility to-day.

COLONY LADIES LAWN TENNIS SINGLES TITLE

Miss Rose Perry And Miss M. Griffiths Reach Final

In the Semi-Finals of the Colony Women's Lawn Tennis Championships, held at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday, Miss R. Perry beat Mrs. A. Oliver 7-5, 6-3 and Miss M. Griffiths beat Mrs. C. C. Chiu 6-3, 6-3.

The match between Miss Perry and Mrs. Oliver was very fast, the latter's heavily sliced fore-hand drives proving her best weapon of attack, but Miss Perry had her on the run throughout.

The first set between Mrs. Chiu and Miss Griffiths was a duel of sustained base-lines drives. Mrs. Chiu was not seen at her best, her driving from the baseline letting her down. Miss Griffiths took every opportunity and hit the ball with plenty of pace. In the last set, Mrs. Chiu improved somewhat and caught her opponent on many occasions with accurately placed shots.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON PROGRAMME

The following is to-night's programme in the "A" and "B" Divisions of the Men's Doubles Badminton League

"A" Division	
King's College	v St. Andrew's (6 p.m.)
University "B"	v University "A" (7 p.m.)
Recreio "A"	v Chinese "Y" (6 p.m.)
"B" Division	
St. Andrew's	v Chinese R.C. (8.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

EXHIBITION GAME	
ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES	1 THE REST 1
Killen.	Howlett.
JUNIOR SHIELD	
CHINESE ENGINEERS	2 20TH BTY. R.A. 1
Lai Wai-lam, Tsang Wai.	Oliver.
SECOND DIVISION	
CLUB	1 ENGINEERS (EUROPEAN) 6
Duncan.	Beale 2, Duddridge, White, Dwyer, Jones.
KOWLOON	2 EASTERN 1
Bells, Balpin.	Ho Yan-liang.
5TH A.A. BDE	1 MIDDLESEX 0
* Postponed.	
SEAFORTHS	4 SOUTH CHINA 2
Samson, McAloon, Ayres, Tang	Yip Yan-po, Ng Kan-man.
Chung-pak (own goal).	
THIRD DIVISION	
5TH A.A. BDE	1 (HONG KONG) SERVICE CORPS 0
* Postponed.	
ENGINEERS (EUROPEAN)	4 STANLEY 6
Marriott 3, Fox.	Box (own goal), Flanders 2, Roche, Taylor, Freer.
POLICE	5 POWHATTAN 0
Willerton 4, Fan Sai-lau.	
THIRD DIVISION (KOWLOON)	
24TH BTY. R.A.	0 PORTUGUESE S.A. 2
* Postponed.	Santos, Remedios.
20TH BTY. R.A.	1 SIGNALS 2
* Postponed.	
UNIVERSITY	2 SEAFORTHS 1
AIR FORCE	2 KUMAONS 1
Holloway, Brown.	Shen Singh.

FOORD TO MEET HARVEY?

London, November 3.—The principal fight at the next Wembley tournament on Nov. 30 is likely to be between Ben Foord and Len Harvey in an eliminating series for the British heavyweight championship.

Proposals for a match between these two former holders of the title now in the possession of Tommy Farr, will be discussed to-day when Foord's manager, Mr. Louis Walsh, arrives in London.

WOOLLEY TO RETIRE AT END OF 1938

London, November 3.—Frank Woolley, the famous Kent and England left-hander, has expressed a desire to retire after 1938, and so next season will be his last in first-class cricket.

The Kent club, who announced the news yesterday, stated that the committee had accepted the intimation with great regret.

Woolley, at the age of 50, is still one of the most delightful batsmen

to watch, and last season, by scoring over 1,600 runs, besides taking 31 wickets, he showed that he retains much of his old skill.

When the time comes for him to retire Woolley will take with him the unrivalled record of having taken part in 52 consecutive Test matches, 29 of them against Australia. Perhaps his best feat for England against Australia was his scoring of 95 and 93 at Lords in 1921.



In 1934, at the age of 47, Woolley won the prize for the fastest hundred of the season by scoring a century in 63 minutes. Up to the end of last summer he had made altogether 143 centuries.

As anticipated, Mr. F. G. H. Chalk, the Oxford Blue, has been appointed captain of Kent for 1938.



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GOLD FLAKE

CIGARETTES

AS GOOD AS GOLD

THREE GAMES IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

(By "SHORTSTOP")

The only exciting game over the week-end was the Filipino Club versus Canadian Chinese clash in which the former team had the Chinese boys on the run for five innings. Everyone of the Canadian Chinese had a turn at bat in the sixth inning, bringing in six runs and repeating their feat in the next, to win by the overwhelming margin of 13 runs to 6.

There are few changes in the percentages of the League Standing, but the Vets still hold first place.

With a full nine out on the field for the first time this season, the H. K. Baseball Club was not able to hold their own against the English Forum. "Toughy" Chinn, with his smoke balls, took their number soon enough and only allowed the Baseballers three scattered hits.

Although the Central Britishers have shown considerable improvement since last week, they still have not quite enough coaching from their able leader, Bill Muir.

The only detailed box scores missing are those of the C.B.A. versus Canadian Chinese game. As our readers know, a scorer is badly needed by the League. Mr. Mann has kindly offered his services, but another one is needed as there was two grounds on which these games are played.

H.K.B.C.		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Davis 2b, 3b	5	0	0	3	2	0	
Wicks 1f	5	0	1	0	0	0	
Hickman cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Johnson 3b	4	0	1	1	1	0	
McCall ss	5	1	3	2	0	0	
Morreall 1b	4	2	1	8	0	0	
Molthen p	4	1	1	1	2	0	
Goodrich rf, 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	
Brown c	4	1	4	10	0	0	
Osborne rf	4	0	2	2	0	0	
		39	6	15	27	6	0

Score by innings:

Runs:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hits:	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	8
Errors:	0	4	0	1	2	2	1	3	2

C.B.A.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Muir 2b, ss	5	2	3	3	1	1
G. Fowler 3b, 1f	4	0	0	3	2	0
Blake 1b	4	0	3	7	0	0
Gurevitch p	4	0	0	2	1	0
MacNider c	4	0	2	8	0	0
Whitley 1f, 2b	4	0	0	2	0	0
Millington cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Spradbury rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Gaubert ss, 3b	4	1	2	2	3	0
	36	3	11	27	7	7

Score by innings:

Runs:	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Hits:	2	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1

Two baggers—Wicks, McCall, Morreall, Molthen and Muir.
Three baggers—Osborne.
Struck out by Gurevitch—4; by Molthen—9.
Base on balls off Gurevitch—2; off Molthen—1.

Canadian Chinese Club

	AB	R	H	PO	A
G. Whyte ss	5	1	1	5	3
Ing 3b	5	1	0	2	2
A. Lan 2b	4	2	1	0	2
Woo 1b	5	2	3	7	0
E. Bunn rf	5	2	3	1	0
H. Quon p	5	1	1	1	0
G. G. Lee lf	5	2	1	4	0
Delgado c	4	2	1	7	0
G. Chow cf	4	0	1	0	0

Score by innings:

Runs:	0	0	0	1	6	6	0	13
Hits:	0	2	0	0	1	6	2	12

Filipino Club

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Pedring 1b	4	0	0	11	0
Cruz 2b	4	1	1	1	1
Dumatol ss	4	0	0	0	0
Enoc p	4	1	1	0	4
Panino 3b	4	1	0	2	3
Bautista 1f	4	2	1	0	0
Luis c	4	1	1	10	0
Tomas rf	3	0	0	0	0
Isiao cf	3	0	0	0	0

Score by innings:

Runs:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hits:	0	0	0	1	6	6	0	1	12

2ND ROUND OF R.H.K. GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Results of the Second Round of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club championship at Fanling, held over the Old Course yesterday were:

A. E. Lissaman beat L. R. Andrewes 6 and 5.
O. E. C. Marton beat Major Shannan 6 and 4.
D. S. Robb beat I. Newton at the 19th.
D. S. Edward beat Col. Blake by a hole.

FANLING CUP GOLF AT CAPTAIN'S

G. H. Henry with a card of 90-22-68 qualified for the Captain's Cup December Qualifying Round, playing over the Old Course against a field of 33 entrants. Other scores over this course were E. T. McMullen 77-7-70 and A. H. McBride 87-16-71.

J. E. Jupp qualified over the New Course with a card of 78-14-64, from 15 entries, other scores being: F. C. Young 86-18-68, B. J. B. Morahan 88-20-68, A. V. Greaves 87-18-69, H. J. Armstrong 88-18-70 and T. R. Rowell 89-18-71.

R. C. OF SIGNALS HOCKEY DEFEAT IN MACAO

The Royal Corps of Signals' hockey team paid a visit to Macao yesterday when they lost a keenly contested game by 8 goals to 1, the Portuguese leading at the interval by five clear goals. Slater (3), Ramalho (3), Albert Airoso and Alex Airoso netted for the winners, while Sig. Austen replied for the losers.

Runs:	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Hits:	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Two baggers—A. Lau and G. G. Lee.
Home runs—Woo and Bautista.
Struck out by Enoc—5; by Quon—6.
No base on balls.

English Forum

0		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
0	T. Young 2b	4	0	1	2	2	1
0	Wong ss	4	1	0	2	2	0
1	T. Low 3b	4	2	2	0	0	0
	Chinn p	4	2	1	0	2	0
	Ching c	4	0	0	17	0	0
	Chung 1b	4	0	0	5	0	2
3	Chew 1f	4	0	0	0	0	0
1	Ma cf	3	1	0	1	0	0
1	Quon rf	3	1	0	1	1	1

Score by innings:

Runs:	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	2	7
Hits:	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	6

H.K.B.C.

		AB	R	H	PO	A
0	Smith 2b	3	1	0	1	1
1	Davis 1f	4	0	1	1	0
0	Johnson 3b	4	0	0	2	3
0	McCall ss	4	1	1	3	5
2	Morreall p	4	0	1	1	4
1	Molthen 1b	3	0	0	14	0
1	Goodrich cf	3	0	0	0	0
0	Wicks rf	4	0	0	0	0
0	Brown c	3	0	0	1	0

Score by innings:

Runs:	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hits:	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3

Two baggers—Chinn.
Home run—Quon.
Struck out by Morreall—1; by Chinn—11.
Base on balls off Morreall—0; off Chinn—3.

LEAGUE STANDING

	P	W	L	Pct.
Vets	7	6	1	.857
Forum	6	5	1	.833
Canadian Chinese	8	6	2	.750
Filipino	8	3	5	.600
H.K.B.C.	8	3	5	.600
C.B.A.	5	0	5	.000
M. G. Co.	6	0	6	.000

POLICE ATHLETIC MEETING

Veterans' Race Win By The I.G.P.

Excellent Athletics was witnessed at Caroline Hill yesterday when the annual sports of the Police Force were held.

The aggregate cup was won by B-691, while the Hon. Mr. T. H. King won the race for veterans when he beat Dr. Shaw.

After the race the prizes were presented by Lady Northcote, who was presented with a souvenir by Miss Sheila Carey, daughter of Inspector Carey.

The following were the results.

100 Yards (Indian Contingent).—1, B616; 2, B799; 3, B691. Time: 11.8/10 secs.

100 Yards (Chinese Contingent).—1, C521; 2, C680; 3, C663. Time: 11.3/10 secs.

100 Yards (European Contingent).—1, E27; 2, Sgt. Sullivan; 3, Sgt. Dennis. Time: 11 secs.

200 Yards (Police Reserve).—1, D. Young; 2, M. A. da Souza; 3, L. E. Rozario.

Obstacle Race.—1, E27; 2, C52; 3, C224.

High Jump.—1, B691; 2, Sgt. Taylor; 3, B34. Height: 5 ft. 5 ins.

Three-Legged Race (Asiatics).—1, C660 and C536; 2, C633 and C552; 3, Stoker 13 and W42.

200 Yards (Handicap).—1, Sgt. Sullivan; 2, C521; 3, B726. Time: 25.4/10 secs.

880 Yards (Open to Members of the Services).—1, Cpl. Keefe (M'ser); 2, Pte. Perriman (M'ser); 3, Pte. Adams (M'ser). Time: 2 mins. 14 secs.

440 Yards.—1, Sgt. Summers; 2, B661; 3, Sgt. Bothwell. Time: 59.3/10 secs.

100 Yards Handicap (Open to Europeans over 35 years).—1, H. King; 2, G. I. Shaw; 3, E. G. Post. Time: 11.8/10 secs.

100 Yards Handicap (Superintendents).—1, H. W. E. Heath; 2, L. H. C. Calthrop.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, E34; 2, Sgt. Taylor; 3, Sgt. Dennis. Distance: 261 ft. 8 ins.

100 Yards (Police Reserve).—1, D. Young; 2, Lo Koon-ho; 3, M. A. da Souza. Time: 12.4/10 secs.

880 Yards.—1, B661; 2, Sgt. Williams; 3, Sgt. Evans. Time: 2 mins. 15½ secs.

Putting the Shot.—1, Sgt. Taylor; 2, B799 and B661 (5 pts. each).

PRESS DEFEATED AT CRICKET

Lt. Comdr. Nicholson's XI Win Easily

In a very enjoyable whole-day cricket match at King's Park yesterday afternoon, Lt. Comdr. Nicholson's XI won comfortably against the Press.

Navy batted first and thanks to fine batting by Capt. Allen, Lt. Skelton, Capt. Whitmarsh and Lt. Walters, declared with their total at 177 for 7. Y. el Arculli, going on late for the Press, captured 3 wickets for 7 runs.

Press set about their task in a promising manner, A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Abbas giving them a promising start, but apart from Mackay and Y. el Arculli, the remaining batsman failed miserably and they were all dismissed when still 73 runs in arrears.

Scores:—

Lt. Comdr. Nicholson's XI—177 for 7 (Capt. Allen 26, Lt. Skelton 58, Capt. Whitmarsh 55, Lt. Walters 27; Arculli 3 for 7).

Press—104 (A. H. Rumjahn 20, A. R. Abbas 26, Y. el Arculli 12, N. A. E. Mackay 25; Carless 4 for 33, Whitmarsh 2 for 0).

E34; 3, B533. Distance: 38 ft. 4 ins.

Half-Mile Bicycle Race (Asiatics).—1, B691; 2, C536; 3, B560.

50 Yards Sack Race.—1, D123; 2, D290; 3, C52.

440 Yards (Open to Members of S.C.A.A.).—1, Hui Chi-tsum; 2, Robert Tong Shun-ching; 3, Li Hung-fu. Time: 60.8/10 secs.

Long Jump.—1, E34; 2, B691; 3, E22. Distance: 20 ft. 9½ ins.

120 Yards Low Hurdles.—1, B799; 2, B691; 3, E22. Time: 17.3/10 secs.

Relay Race (Three-Quarter Mile).—1, Europeans; 2, Indians. Time: 2 mins. 54.2/5 secs.

Band Race.—1, Bdm. Winfield; 2, Bdm. Merritt.

Tug-Of-War—New Territories Indian beat Hong Kong Indians.

Aggregate Cup.—1, B691 (8 pts.); 3, B799 and B661 (5 pts. each).

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SEVERAL GAMES POSTPONED

London, Saturday.

The following are the results of Home football matches played last Saturday.

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham	1	Arsenal	2
Charlton	3	Everton	1
Chelsea	3	Huddersfield	1
Grimsby	2	Leicester	3
Leeds	4	Sunderland	1
Liverpool	3	Derby	4
Middlesbro	2	Blackpool	2
Bournemouth	1	Bolton	1
Preston	2	Wolves	0
Stoke	3	Brentford	0
*W. Brom.	1	Manchester C.	0

* Postponed owing to snow.

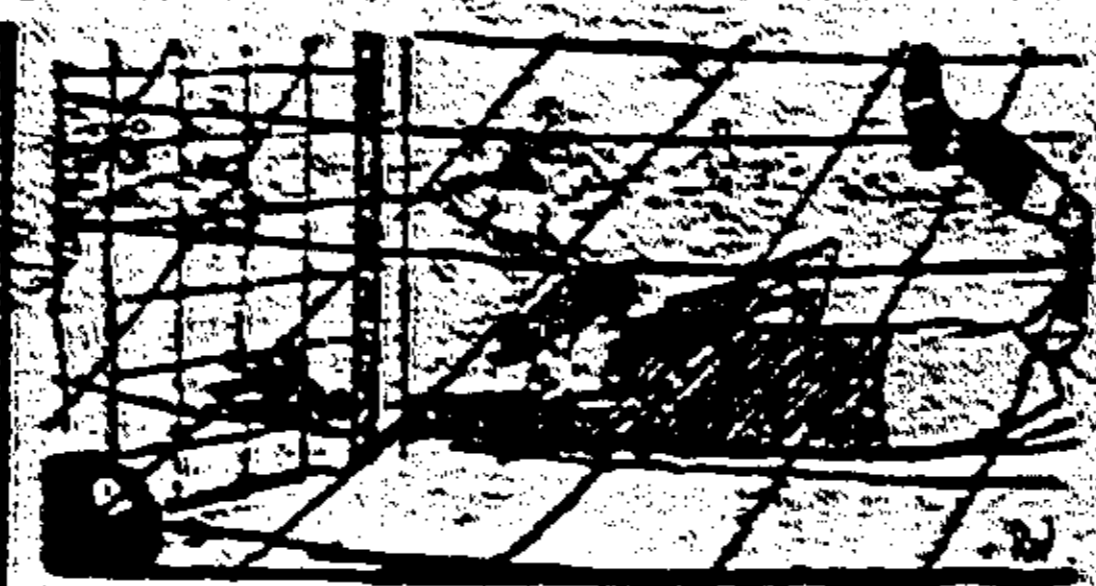
SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	3	Plymouth	2
Burnley	1	Bradford	1
Bury	4	West Ham	3
*Coventry	1	Southampton	0
Luton	4	Fulham	0
Manchester U.	5	Swansea	1
Newcastle	1	Wednesday	0
Notts. F.	3	Blackburn	1
Sheffield U.	4	Norwich	1
Stockport	1	Chesterfield	1
Tottenham	2	Aston Villa	1

* Abandoned at half-time. Ground unfit.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	3	Aldershot	0
Brighton	3	Swindon	1
Bristol R.	1	Notts C.	1
Cardiff	3	Millwall	2
Clapton	1	Watford	1
Mansfield	1	Newport	1



*Northampton	1	Crystal P.	1
Queen's P.R.	4	Exeter	0
Southend	2	Gillingham	0
Torquay	1	Bristol C.	3
Walsall	2	Reading	5

* Abandoned after 55 minutes.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	3	Crews	2
Bradford C.	1	Hull	2
Carlisle	2	Barrow	1
Chester	7	Port Vale	2
Doncaster	1	Gateshead	0
Halifax	0	Wrexham	0
Rochdale	1	Oldham	1
Rotherham	4	Darlington	2
Southport	0	New Brighton	0
Tranmere	4	Hartlepool	0
York	3	Lincoln	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Clyde	1	Rangers	1
*Dundee	1	St. Mirren	1
Falkirk	3	Third Lanark	1
Hearts	2	Morton	1
Kilmarnock	3	Aberdeen	3
Motherwell	1	Celtic	2
Partick	4	Hibernian	0
Queen O'S	3	Hamilton	1
Queen's Park	1	Arbroath	1
*St. Johnstone	1	Ayr	1

* Postponed owing to snow.

SECOND DIVISION

Albion	7	Aloa	1
Cowdenbeath	2	East Fife	1
Dumbarton	7	Brechin	0
Edinburgh	0	St. Bernard's	4
*Forfar	1	Airdrie	3
King's Park	1	Dunfermline	3
Leith	3	East Stirling	1
Montrose	1	Dundee	3
Raith	6	St. James	2

* Postponed owing to snow.

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Shanghai Racing Results

Shanghai, Saturday.

The following are the results of to-day's (third day's) races at the Shanghai Race Club's Autumn Meeting:

Sycee Plate—1 Mile.

1. Morn's Vintage Morn (Mr. Marshall).
2. Cires' Fancy Light (Mr. R. B. Moller).
3. Bubbling Wells' Flying High (Mr. Brand).

Time:—2.06.45.

Bubbling Well Stakes—9 Furlongs.

1. Geshaw's Fairy Jackdaw (Mr. Wong).
2. Manx's Moutanhu (Mr. Encarnacao).
3. Winsome and Hasty's Equity (Mr. Needa).

Time:—2.23.45.

Jessfield Plate—1 1/4 Miles.

1. Morn's Coronation Morn (Mr. Marshall).
2. Cires' Charming Light (Mr. Noodt).
3. Durgor's Canton (Mr. Wong).

Time:—2.44.00.

Shanghai Stakes—1 1/2 Miles.

1. L. Q. Woo's Holy (Mr. Wong).
2. C. E. and S. A.'s Merry Jester (Mr. Encarnacao).
3. Cires' Cotton Light (Mr. G. Ram).

Time:—3.18.45.

Grandstand Plate—1 Mile.

1. A. V. White's White Major (Mr. White).
2. Hardis's Stolzenek (Mr. Cumine).
3. Whyte Leafes' Don Pedro (Mr. Wade).

"A" Grandstand Plate—1 Mile.

1. Cires' Beauty Light (Mr. Moller).
2. Winsome and Hasty's Windsor (Mr. Needa).
3. H. Henley's China Star (Mr. Pote-Hunt).

Time:—2.06.15.

Subscription Griffin St. Leger—1 1/4 Miles.

1. G. J. Mary's Unum (Mr. Wade).
2. Hardis's Welfenfel (Mr. Cumine).
3. Busted's Busted Flush (Mr. Keep).

Time:—4.03.25.

Chunking Stakes—3/4 Mile.

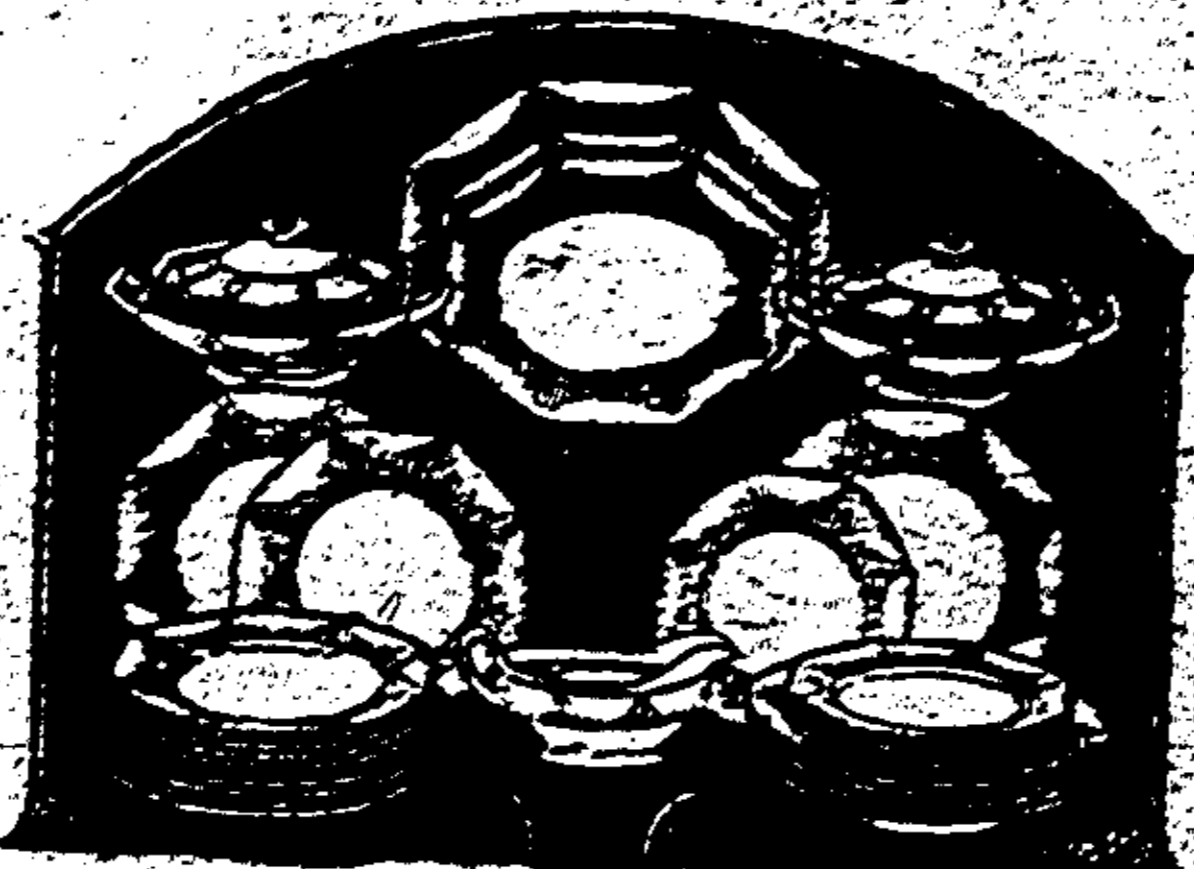
1. Cires' Frosty Light (Mr. Moller).
2. Elnor's Royal Bee II (Mr. Noodt).
3. Manx's Bombardment (Mr. Sung).

Time:—1.31.25.

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The Rugby laws are rapidly superseding crossword puzzles as intellectual exercises. I begin to believe that followers of the game are as analytically minded as master chess-players.—Howard Marshall.

Hughes, the Birmingham left back, made fame (against Scotland at Cardiff.) His display, with a forward like Walker on his flank, was worthy of Jesse Pennington.—Ivan Sharpe.

I have never wavered in my opinion that Steve Bloomer was the most dangerous inside forward either England or Scotland produced.—Jonathan Oldbuck.

Five thousand years of civilization, and still the most famous are those who can hit, swat, shinny, kick, or carry a ball.—Buffalo News.

Eddie Phillips has never appeared in the role of the roaring lion; but he has sometimes looked an extraordinarily good boxer with as precise and deadly a knock-out punch as any British heavyweight ever had. He has caused one to reflect that given the confidence possessed by many with less than half his skill, he would be a really wonderful heavyweight.—Harold Lewis.

I think there is a good chance of English billiards being made universally popular in other countries. I do not see how there can be any ideal combination of the English rules and those in operation abroad. They are so essentially different.—Tom Newman.

Fair weather wickets and the long over are cricket's Siamese twins. Since the Australian eight-batters had their way in 1922 there has hit the game such Frankenstein monstrosities as Bradman's 452 not out, Ponsford's 437 and 429, Victoria's 1107 and 1059, and the eight centuries in a New South Wales-Victoria match, all off the long over. Such abnormalities need suppression not importation. Who wants to see any man score more than 200? Who wants to see eight hundreds in a match? Cricket is too long-winded as it is. I'm for quick wickets rather than mountainous scores.—L. V. Manning.

MAX SCHMELING TO FIGHT NEUSEL

Tuning-up For Title
Bout With Louis

Berlin, November 9.

Max Schmeling and Walter Neusel, the German heavyweight boxers, have signed contracts for a fight over 15 rounds in the huge Deutschlandhalle in Berlin next March or April, it is announced here to-night.

This is one of the "tuning-up" fights which Schmeling will have in Germany before going to America again next summer, where he hopes to meet Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title. He will also fight Ben Foord in Hamburg on January 30.

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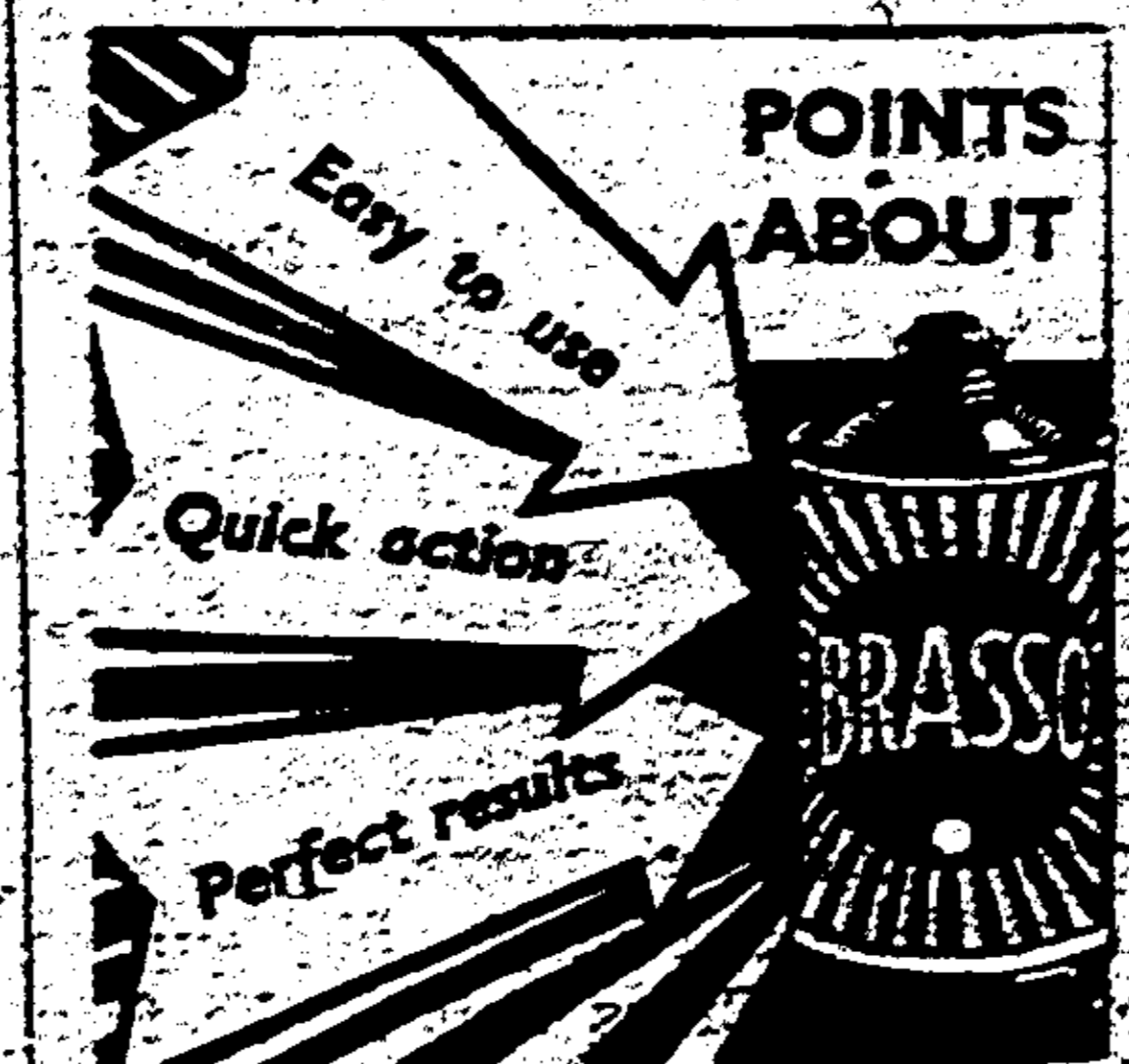
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LEAGUE FACES FINANCE PROBLEMS

Geneva, To-day.

Besides the financial situation of Bulgaria and Hungary, the general principles of international trade were discussed by the finance committee of the League of Nations during its 65th session, which has now closed.

The committee decided to continue at its next session study of the problems of quotas and control of foreign exchange, and meanwhile to request all government concerned to state reasons which, in their opinion, prevent suppression, or even slackening, of control of exchange.

At the same time, the governments in question will be asked to suggest measures calculated to ensure progress in this direction.

A resolution adopted by the committee stresses the necessity of a common policy and joint action by all states in view of periodically recurring world economic crises. — Trans-Ocean.

The H. K. Women's League of Health and Beauty is holding a mahjongg and bridge drive at the K.C.C. to-morrow, starting at 3 p.m. with tea scheduled for 4.15 p.m. There will be three prizes for mahjongg and three for bridge, and a Hidden No. Prize. Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest will present the prizes.

TWO AIR RAIDS ON NANKING

Nanking, To-day.

Nanking has been subjected to two air raids in the past two days.

Yesterday morning six Japanese bombers appeared over the city shortly after the warning had been sounded, and bombed the civil airfield within the city limits. They scored five hits.

Other missiles struck open land in the vicinity, one partly demolishing a house.

There were no casualties. — Reuter.

AMERICAN SEAMAN FINED

Julian Dawgialle, aged 21, a seaman of s.s. Texas was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly in Gloucester Road on Saturday night.

Detective-sergeant Bentley said defendant was knocking at the door of the Nagasaki Joe Restaurant, after closing hours, in an endeavour to get drinks. Sergeant Riddell who was on patrol in plain clothes spoke to defendant, who attempted to strike the sergeant.

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Hankow, To-day.

Lt.-Commr. H. D. Barlow, of H.M.S. Ladybird, was slightly injured by a splinter in the buttock in the Japanese bombing of Wuhu. His condition is not serious.

Three Chinese were killed and eight wounded in the same raid.

It is stated that the Japanese planes possibly had as objective the railway station, which is a quarter of a mile distant from the waterfront.

A foreign witness describes how the raiders at a height of 6,000 feet, flew up river directly over the British ships and dropped six bombs, although large British flags were prominently displayed on both ships and hulks.

Wuhu itself was practically devoid of Chinese troops, only activity on the river front being a number of refugees embarking on junks, a number of whom fell into the river when stampeding for safety.

Captain Allison, of the "Tuckwo," and his officers boarded H.M.S. "Ladybird" after the bombing, whence they watched the slow destruction of their ship, which was blazing until the early morning.

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LONDON SILENT ON WUHU ATTACK

London, To-day.

The morning newspapers give prominence to the Wuhu incident, when the Jardine river steamer "Tuckwo" was set on fire by Japanese bombs, but hitherto there has been no comment. — Reuter.

The International Medical Relief Society is organising a Dinner Dance for December 15, to which His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote have graciously given their Patronage. Its object is to raise a fund for the support of the Red Cross unit at the front for which this committee has made itself responsible for the duration of hostilities.

Attempting to alight while bus No. 604 was in motion, in Queen's Road Central, Luk Yue-ting, of No. 77, Wellington Street, received injuries to his face and legs and was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

NEWS FLASHES

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